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Fitial, govt submit plea deal

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Former governor Benigno R. Fitial and the CNMI government have submitted a proposed plea agreement to the Superior Court to resolve his criminal case without going to trial.



» Change of
plea hearing
through Skype
discontinued due
to audio problem

As this developed, Fitial's scheduled change of plea hearing yesterday at 1:30pm through Skype did not push through because of an audio problem.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman ordered the hearing to continue at a

later time, saying he will take the initiative to arrange the proceedings at the U.S. District Court for the NMI as it has more sophisticated equipment.

Saipan Tribune learned that Fitial, his lawyer Stephen Nutting, and Office of the Public Auditor legal coun-

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‘Constitution
vague on longer
term land leases’

» HANMI urged to voice
legal interpretation
on land lease
» Inos administration
willing to work with
hoteliers

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Because the CNMI Constitution is vague on public land leases of more than 40 years, the administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos is inviting the islands' hotel industry to provide their own legal opinion on the matter.

For months now, member hotels of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands have been holding back on making future investments if they cannot get any assurances that their land lease agreements will be extended.

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Seized van released; limo and 2 buses for relocation

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Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio has ordered the release of

a van and the removal from the Superior Court parking lot of a limousine and two buses owned by Mode Tour Saipan Corp. that were all seized last week as part of a court order.

At an emergency status conference on Tuesday afternoon, Kim-Tenorio ordered the Marshal Service Division to release the 2013 Toyota Sienna van with license plate ACK-794 to its regis-

tered owner, Soon Hwa Kim.

Kim-Tenorio ordered the return of the van after Soon Hwa Kim showed documents proving that she owns the car and not Mode Tour.

Soon Hwa Kim told *Saipan Tribune* See SEIZED on Page 4

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Stalled windmill project at SSHS leaves questions

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A stalled wind turbine project left unfinished at Saipan Southern High School for the last handful of years leaves a lot of questions for Board of Education chair Herman Guerrero.

One of them is if the abandoned equipment should be taken off Public School System property.

PSS is not the expenditure or contracting authority for the project, which started all the way back in 2011 during the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act period. The contracting authority is the Division

of Energy.

When asked for an update about this issue yesterday, Guerrero said, "There have been problems since the beginning with the project."

"We are not the expenditure authority [or] the contracting authority. They are just building it on our campus. I don't know whether the money was used for different reasons...that's not our problem," he said.

He said if the company is not finished with the project, then "they are liable."

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan was not available for comment yesterday.

In their board meeting last

month, Capital Improvement Project committee chair Janice Tenorio updated the board on the turbine project. It was "still the same," she said.

It was the board's understanding that the Office of the Attorney General was asked to look into the matter by the government, as "somebody has to reimburse the federal government back" for the unfinished project.

The project's deadline was March 31, 2015, which was apparently missed.

"We were expressing concerns that perhaps if they are not going to work [on it], then perhaps they need to remove the

equipment from our property, because it's just going to create problems for us later on," Guerrero said then.

As reported in 2011, the Division of Energy gave PSS approximately \$2.4 million from the \$6.5 million it received

from the U.S. Department of Energy for Renewable projects for the completion of this effort. The project was awarded to Pacific Green Integrated Technology Inc. and Pacific Wind & Solar LLC in September 2010.

energy. They couldn't afford it."

Since arriving, he has been working with CUC and Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission consultants over the rate cases that will be heard at a public hearing today.

He has also been briefed on the debt owed CUC by the central government, which is some \$30 million.

To this, he said, "You have to weigh the political ramifications. You can't just cut off a house or school... But you also have to work with them. In the past I would work with [government] and try to develop a plan to help [them] pay us back."

"I'll try to approach the large debtors and try to provide some financial advice that maybe they don't have," he said.

On the rate change cases that will be heard today, which aim to help CUC repay its debt to the Commonwealth Development Authority and the Commonwealth Ports Authority, he said, "We want to be responsible."

"When I was in Liberia, the whole country had been destroyed. The utility had to be rebuilt," he said.

Less than 1 percent of the

population gets electricity in the

capital, he said. "They couldn't

even run their little mom-and-

pop shops because there was no

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Chamber to reposition view on military use of NMI lands

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is repositioning its view on the U.S. military's plans for the CNMI, specifically regarding the use of land on Tinian and Pagan.

At their monthly general meeting yesterday at the Saipan World Resort, Chamber president Alex Sablan said

their original statement will change dramatically following recent developments surrounding the issue as well as public hearings and the community's position.

"We're still preparing our written position as a Chamber," said Sablan. "While we haven't come up with a formal statement, I think the statement will change dramatically from the original."

In 2013, the Chamber board took the position that they "do not oppose the military use of the Northern Islands, as long as said use does not interfere with the development of private business in the islands."

Sablan said in the Chamber's newsletter that the board's original position was



Sablan

"too simplistic." At the time, they did not have the facts relating to the CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement document, which was just released in April.

But now, changes will be made as "the CJMT is taking a different course."

"We've come a long way and a far departure from what the original proposal was and so we're going to have to take a good sound look," he said.

The Chamber will be hiring consultants to help them through the process and review what the military really wants to do on the islands.

According to Sablan, the overall impact of the training seems to be more extreme than what was originally proposed to the Chamber almost two years ago.

He added that earlier discussion of military live fire training wasn't given emphasis as it is being given now. Urban assault training and setting up "warm areas" for military use was what was mostly discussed.

"The idea of relocating Pagan residents, putting infrastructures, sharing the island in joint training atmosphere seem like a reasonable approach to selling the idea of training on Pagan."

"But as it states now, looks like they need the entire Pagan island, there will be no joint use from their perspective, and that doesn't fall in line with the business opportunities and equal tourism and placing Pagan residents back up there," he said.

Man in car chase with the police pleads guilty to 'ice' possession

A man who engaged police officers in a car chase and threw a small bag containing methamphetamine or "ice" on a road in Susupe has pleaded guilty and was slapped with a one-year prison sentence.

John Deleon Guerrero pleaded guilty to illegal possession of a controlled substance as part of a plea deal.

In an order on Monday, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Deleon Guerrero to three years imprisonment, all suspended except for one year, with credit for 28 days of time served. He will start serving his sentence tomorrow, Friday, and is expected to be released on April 10, 2016.

Upon release, Deleon Guerrero will be placed on supervised probation for two years. He was ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine, \$25 in court assessment fee, plus probation fees.

The remaining charge of eluding a police officer was dropped as part of the deal.

Wiseman also quashed a bench warrant in a traffic case issued against Deleon Guerrero.

According to the police, Deleon Guerrero's companion, Daniel Buniag, had just been

arrested on Jan. 15, 2015, on Saipan, for alleged possession of a stolen iPhone near the Subway restaurant in Chalan Kiya. Deleon Guerrero fled aboard his vehicle and eluded police officers by engaging them in a car chase.

A patrol officer spotted the car being driven by Deleon Guerrero by Chalan Kanoa District Social Hall and activated his emergency light and siren, but the vehicle refused to stop.

Several other patrol cars chased the car inside Chalan Kanoa toward Susupe.

A police officer saw that an item was thrown out of the car in Susupe. A detective retrieved the thrown item—a small bag containing "ice." Patrol and traffic officers finally blocked the car south of Joeten Shopping Center in Susupe.

The driver of the car was identified as Deleon Guerrero, also known as Juan Masi.

Deleon Guerrero allegedly confessed that the "ice" containing in the small bag was his and that he threw it during the chase.

He said he did not stop during the chase because his "adrenaline kicked in."

At a change of plea hear-

ing last week, April 29, Deleon Guerrero's father, former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair Francisco Q. Deleon Guerrero, was also in the same courtroom for a hearing regarding his motion to reduce

his sentence.

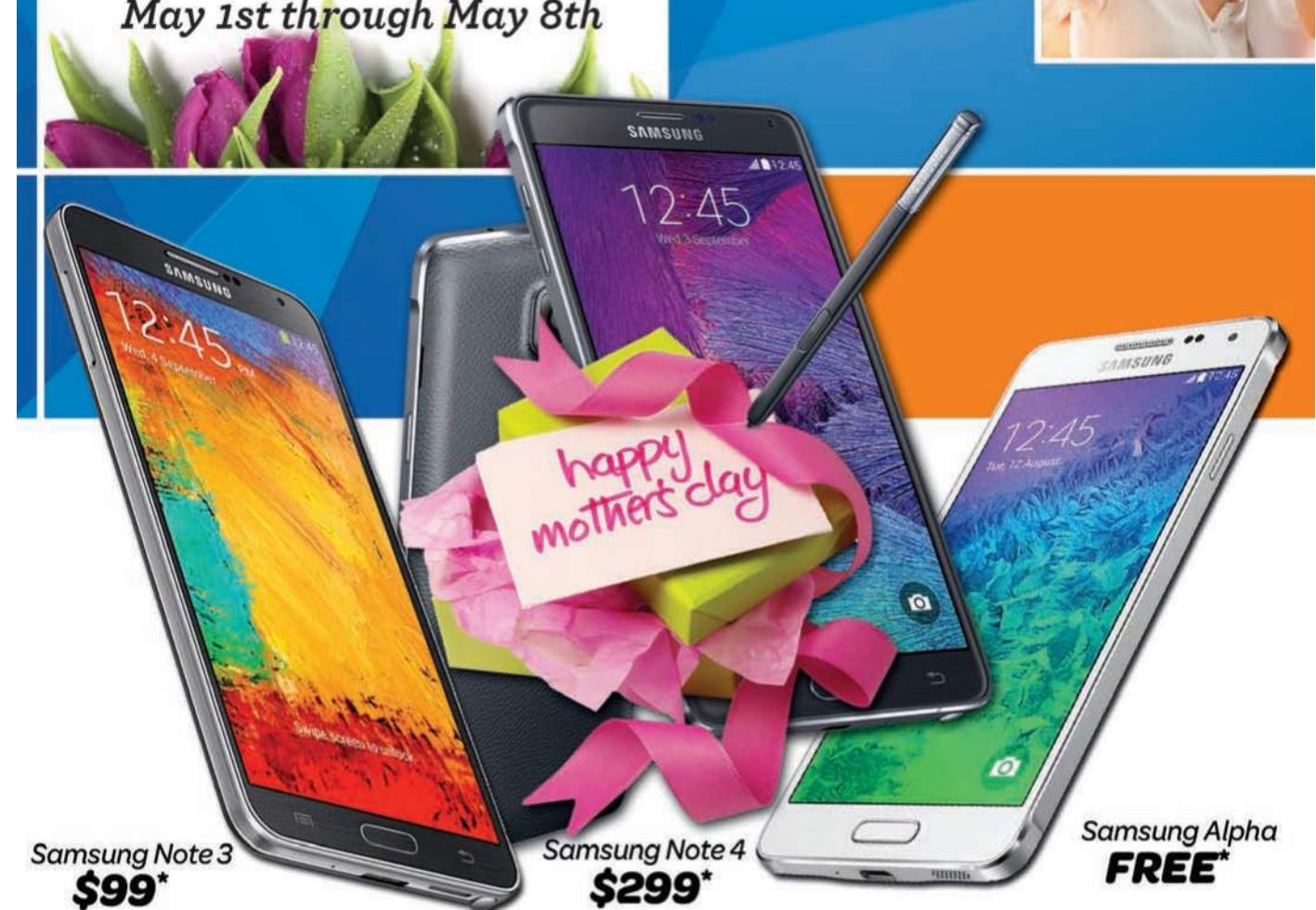
Francisco Deleon Guerrero's motion for a reduction of his sentence was denied. He is serving a six-year prison term for sexually abusing a female minor. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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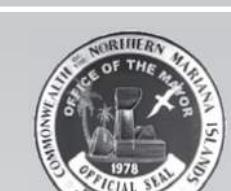
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This is to inform the general public that Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas will be appointing one of the following qualified individuals to serve as Commissioner on the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission:

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DLNR: Pagan 'midpoint' for future studies

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With the U.S. military proposing live-fire practice on Pagan, Department of Land and Natural Resources Secretary Richard Seman called the island a "midpoint" instrument in the department's access to the rest of the Northern Islands.

"If you understand the Northern Islands, everything that our future holds with the Northern Island is tied into Pagan. Pagan is by far the only place where you will be able to have a runway, where you may able to build a facility, where a fuel station might occur," he said.

"So when we start talking about the entire Northern Islands, whether it's a marine monument, whether you are talking about the three sanctuary islands—everything that will get you there, Pagan plays a big role."

Attao: NMC remains responsive to CNMI's needs

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The CNMI's lone community college said it remains responsive to the needs of the islands.

Speaking at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's monthly general meeting at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort yesterday, Northern Marianas College's Administration and Resource Development dean David Attao presented the developments that they continue to pursue for the benefit of the community.

Attao showed the future employment needs of the island in terms of the top positions held by CW or foreign workers, citing data from the departments of Commerce and Labor.

In the top five are general and operations managers, waiters

and waitresses, and accountants and auditors.

Through this, they pattern the college's program to be able to produce workers that could eventually replace these workers after training.

The CW program will be phased out in 2019.

"NMC has been using this kind of data to create our programs," Attao said.

"At one point in time, in the CNMI, we didn't have any nurses. What we did, we created the nursing program. At one point in time, there were no teachers. What we did, we created the bachelor's degree program," he added.

As of spring 2015, 97 students are enrolled in their Bachelor of Science in Business Management program. They are expecting their first batch of graduates

in spring of next year.

The college also offers various associate degrees and certificates in business, nursing, criminal justice, liberal arts and natural resource management. It also offers distance education and online learning.

According to NMC, more of their graduates are successfully finding jobs as well as successfully transferring from NMC to other colleges and universities. In 2012, job placement for their graduates went up from 72 percent to 89 percent, while transfers increased from 50 percent to 70 percent.

As a result, the islands are benefitting as well.

"More students from PSS are not going to the military, they're not going off-island and they're staying here and that's good for the workforce," he said.

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bune that her van has a Mode Tour logo because her company deals with Mode Tour. She said the van is her only vehicle that she has been using daily for personal and work activities.

The judge ordered plaintiffs Ho Chan Jung, Eun Ju Jun, and Jung Su An, who are represented by attorney Colin Thompson, to remove from the court's parking lot Mode Tour's limousine and two buses no later than 24 hours from Tuesday.

Kim-Tenorio issued the seizure order at Thompson's request last April 28.

Thompson asked for the writ of execution after the Superior Court jury on Tinian found Mode Tour Saipan and its par-

ent company in South Korea, Mode Tour Network, liable to pay a \$2.3 million in damages to the widow and estate of a Korean tourist who drowned during a cliff fishing tour at Dump Coke on Tinian in 2008.

The jurors awarded \$500,000 to victim Hoseung Jung's mother Jung Su An for mental pain and suffering. They also awarded \$1.8 million to the estate of the decedent, Hoseung Jung, for pecuniary injury.

Kim-Tenorio presided over the trial. Thompson is counsel for mother Jung Su An, widow Eun Ju Jun, and brother Ho Chan Jung.

Thomas Clifford served as counsel for Mode Tour Saipan and Mode Tour Network.

Last week, Thursday, the Marshal Service served the writ of execution to Mode Tour and

seized the four vehicles, including Soon Hwa Kim's van. The Marshal Service brought the four vehicles to the parking lot of the Judiciary Complex.

Kim-Tenorio summoned the parties to an emergency status conference last Tuesday at 1:30pm regarding the issue of a writ of execution. The judge then also ordered the Marshal Service Division to suspend the execution of the writ until further court orders.

At Tuesday's hearing, Kim-Tenorio explained that she set an emergency status conference because there's a lot of concerns and questions surrounding the writ of execution.

The judge said the writ of execution directed toward seizures of vehicles registered to Mode Tour Saipan does not describe with particularity which category

hotels fully understand what is associated with leasing public lands through the lease agreements entered into with the Department of Public Lands, the administration is willing to work with hoteliers on how best to extend or renew their leases while at the same time adhering to the requirements of the CNMI Constitution and conditions of the lease agreements.

"The administration has already extended an open invitation to the members of HANMI whose leases are nearing the 40 years mark to voice their legal interpretations on this important issue. Gov. Eloy S. Inos expressed his desire for open talks with members of HANMI on this particular issue," Blanco said.

Without such an assurance, hotels whose public land leases are close to expiration said the uncertainty is putting a damper on their plans to improve amenities and raise hotel standards.

"We acknowledge that this issue is a complicated one given the fact that the intent for a longer term than 40 years in the CNMI Constitution is neither implicitly defined nor provided for. We further acknowledge the hoteliers' years of investments in the construction, improvements, and including the hard work and sweat put into their hotels/reports," press secretary Ivan Blanco told *Saipan Tribune*.

Blanco said that although all

"Once you give up Pagan, you just triple the difficulty for the rest of the Northern Islands," he said, adding that all their projects in the Northern Islands, whether on Sarigan, Alamagan or Aguiguan—involved Pagan.

Pagan plays "a big role in how we do our work" because of its proximity and how fuel can be offloaded there via helicopter, he said.

He said restricted access, or restricted air or sea space, "will completely disrupt our ability

to do our work the way we've been doing it.

"It will make assessment difficult. It will make recovery plans [for terrestrial species] difficult," he said.

For one, the Marianas Avifauna Conservation project, headed by the Division of Fish and Wildlife, will eventually be on Pagan, according to DFW biologist Tyler Willsey yesterday.

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Casino panel ready for 'live facility' opening, says Sablan

The Commonwealth Casino Commission is ready to do its job once a temporary casino opens on Saipan.

Casino Commission chair Juan Sablan and the rest of the commission recently traveled to Las Vegas to undergo a week-long training.

The commissioners flew to Las Vegas in March for a three-day training, and again last month for a second round of training.

Sablan said the commissioners "learned a lot" and, by the time the temporary casino opens in June or July, the regulators will be ready, he said.

Preparations are still being made, including the hiring of staff that will man the commission's office in Garapan.

of vehicles are subject to seizure.

She stressed that personnel from the Marshal Service or from the Department of Public Safety may only act in an oversight capacity with respect to levying execution.

Kim-Tenorio said in any amended proposed writ, plaintiffs must identify an authorized person or persons to levy the execution in their appropriate roles and that plaintiffs must also relocate the vehicles already seized no later than 24 hours to a location that is not the court's parking lot.

The judge said if plaintiffs fail to correct the deficiencies that she described no later than two days later, all pending writs of execution shall be returned to its former owners or possessors as if the applications for writ were never issued by the court.

Kan Pacific's public land lease expires on April 30, 2018. It is pursuing a new lease with a commitment of some \$30 million in added investment. The corporation owns Mariana Resort & Spa in Marpi.

Other hotels with land leases that are close to expiring are Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan and Hyatt Regency Saipan in Garapan, Pacific Islands Club Saipan in San Antonio, and Kanoa Resort in Susupe.

HANMI president Gloria Cavanagh she said that HANMI welcomes and supports Inos' invitation for the organization's legal opinion on the issue.

"We welcome and support his response and extend to the administration our appreciation for the invitation to present our legal argument that would

support renewal or new leases based on the CNMI Constitution," Cavanagh said.

"We believe that we are close to completion of this summarizing the issues and look forward to sitting down with administration and possibly with the attorney general sometime this month," she added.

In an interview with Perry Tenorio, managing director of the Marianas Visitors Authority, he expressed high hopes for the parties finally communicating.

"As industry partners, we are happy to know that the lines of communication with affected hoteliers are open in an effort to address this important issue. We hope that the end result of their negotiations would be beneficial to both parties and the CNMI travel industry," he said.

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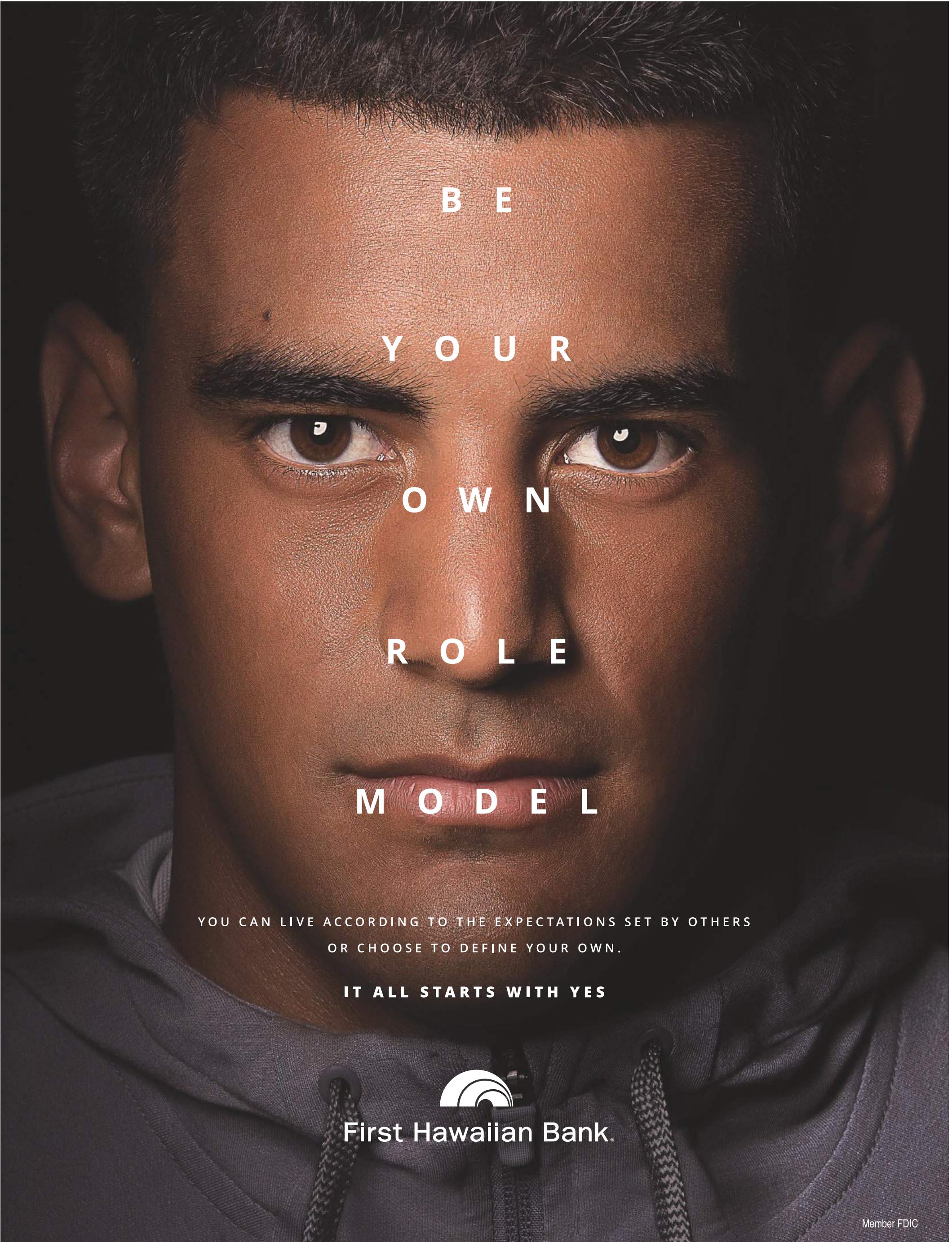
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CHCC business plan identifies revenue streams

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

In order to meet lawmakers' expectations and increase the standard of hospital care, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is working on identifying different revenue streams that will be outlined in a business plan that is close to finishing, according to Esther Muña, chief executive officer for CHCC.

Last February, the Legislature asked Muña to shed light on CHCC's status, but she said at that time the business plan was already in the review process.

In order for CHCC to address its costs, Muña said the business plan includes different revenue

streams CHCC's financial status, and its proposed plan to bail itself out of its financial morass.

Muña presented the hospital's costs in fiscal years 2011 to 2014 at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting yesterday at Saipan World Resort.

In response to Chamber president Alex Sablan's query on their current annual shortfall, Muña said: "We are working on our financial statements first and will be published soon as required by law, but right now it is showing \$9 million in annual shortfall. We are working on

it. Right now we have money in the bank; however, that will be used to pay the Marianas Public Land Trust," Muña said.

She declined to furnish details on the \$9 million annual shortfall, saying the upcoming financial statements and business plan will go into that.

Muña did disclose some revenue streams that the corporation proposes to do.

"We are looking into foundations, and doing an application to prepare the foundation. This will be a charitable foundation. This will help us reach out in general

more revenue," Muña said.

"We are also looking into medical tourism, partnerships such as our residency program from the University of California, San Francisco. We are also looking at more revenue streams, which is what

will be in the business plan and it's close to finishing," she added.

CHCC was established in 2011 and, based on an audit report for fiscal year 2012, still "needs to strengthen its financial reporting." The audit report also recommended that CHCC come up with a business plan.

The business plan is widely expected to contain how CHCC will address most, if not all, questions regarding its financial and management plans.

Muña said that despite its financial difficulties, CHCC cannot just shut down the hospital and its health centers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Apatang seeks funds to hire 10 more, buy equipment

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Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang has expressed support for a local bill that would re-appropriate lapsed funds from Saipan Local Law 18-17, saying he needs to hire at least 10 employees and buy a brand new truck with a boom/crane and claw.

House Local Bill 19-5 seeks to re-appropriate \$780,000 in lapsed funds from the \$2.7 million bond funds that was signed into law last year. July. Rep. Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan) introduced HLB 19-5 in February this year.

Of the \$780,000, about \$430,000 will go to Precinct 1 projects. This includes \$360,000 for the paving of the road to Obyan Beach, \$40,000 for the repair and upgrade of the San Antonio Youth Center, and \$30,000 for the repair and upgrade of the San Vicente basketball court and tennis/volleyball court. A total of \$350,000 will go to Precinct 5 for the paving

of Kannat Tabla Drive.

Apatang is asking the Saipan and Northern Islands Delegation to consider the Saipan Mayor's Office's request for funds.

"In our letter to the local delegation on March 27 and 30, we asked for \$140,000 and \$340,000, respectively, to purchase a boom truck and hire 10 full-time employees. We are

submitting the same requests and kindly ask the delegation to allocate portion of the funds to be re-appropriated in HLB 19-5 to our office," Apatang said.

"Our office incurred rental charges when it had to rent dump trucks and backhoes during last year's heavy rain storms to repair and maintain unpaved secondary roads. We also had to clear tons of debris carried by uncontrolled runoff from primary roadways, ensuring that access for emergency vehicles to homes and establishments remained opened and unobstructed," he added.

Apatang also detailed other heavy equipment that need to be

repaired or maintained.

"We need funds to get the equipment repaired and put back into operation. Our two old loader backhoes and a motor grader are repairable and could be assigned to specific areas on the island for constant maintenance and repair of secondary roads," he said.

Aside from seeking funding for employees and equipment, Apatang also urged the local delegation to look at other ways to maximize available funds.

Recently, the Marianas Visitors Authority has been making portions of its resources available for road improvements such as the portion of Mt. Tapochau Road and Chiribyan Drive in Gualo Rai.

"We want to also see the MVA contribute portion of its funds into the cost to pave the Obyan road. MVA should be allocating portion of its own funds and resources for the maintenance and improvement of tourist sites, which includes Obyan Beach," he said.

DFEMS asks for \$3.45M budget; eyes more firefighters

The Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services has presented a budget of \$3.45 million for fiscal year 2016 to fund the new department's operations.

DFEMS acting commissioner Clyde Norita faced lawmakers at a budget hearing on Capitol Hill yesterday to defend his budget request, saying it will be used to staff the department with more firefighters and fire trucks.

When asked about an item on his proposed budget that called for a deputy commissioner for the department, Norita said the department does not need the deputy position, post but it was only included in accordance with the law.

In an interview, Norita said the language of the law says divisions should have a certain number of deputy commissioners that are unfunded, which in the case of the Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services, is five.

"But I feel we do not need five deputy commissioners. What we would need are more firefighters," Norita said.

Aside from funding operations, Norita said the \$3.45-million budget calls for 10 more firefighters.

He said there are currently 78 firefighters on Saipan, 11 on Tinian, and five on Rota.

The additional 10 firefighters will suffice for the six stations

the department has, he said.

In terms of fire trucks, Norita said the department has two pumper, each with a 750-gallon capacity, and one wildland fire truck with a 500-gallon capacity.

There are several trucks needing repairs or replacement including one tanker, one pumper, and one wildland, currently not in operation.

The department also has six ambulances, two of which are down, Norita said.

"Basically, these are the assets that the department has," he said.

Norita said his budget request will "satisfy" the current requirements of the department. (Joel D. Pinaroc)

Ethics training to 'maintain public's trust'—Torres

The CNMI government's ethics training workshop on Capital Hill last Tuesday tackled a number of issues and concerns.

"Some key discussion points focused on obtaining a detailed understanding of the proper protocol to handle conflicts of interests, gifts provided to public offices, and the 'dos and don'ts' surrounding political activity," a statement from the office of Lt. Ralph DLG. Torres said.

The training was conducted by the Office of the Public Auditor, with OPA legal counsel George Hasselback leading the presentation alongside OPA lawyer Ashley Kost.

A majority of Cabinet mem-

bers and agency heads reportedly attended the ethics training.

Present were Public Works Secretary James Ada, Corrections Commissioner Robert Guerrero, Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero, Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio, Commerce Secretary Mark Rabaulliman, and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, among others.

Representatives of some departments also attended.

"I called the members of the Cabinet together for this ethics training to gain a firm understanding of how best we can maintain the public's trust through diligent adherence to the CNMI Code of Ethics," Torres said.

Torres' office initiated the ethics training.

"There are many in the public who understandably need reasons to rebuild their trust in their government. It is my hope that with a firm understanding of the rules and laws that are intended to protect public finances and the public trust, we can make the necessary steps toward showcasing our commitment to the people and our desire to provide the best government for the CNMI," Torres said.

In coming months, each department head will be scheduling individual training from OPA for their respective staff, Torres said. (Joel D. Pinaroc)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on January 27, 2015, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 002 G 245, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 903 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat no. 002 G 07 dates May 31, 1980. Commonwealth Recorder's File no. 90-1904, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, May 22, 2015, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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DATED, this 16th day of April, 2015.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

HANMI marks 30 years with 'Taste' donations



In celebration of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands' 30th anniversary, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort Saipan, Mariana Resort & Spa, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan will donate a portion of their proceeds from the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden this month to charitable organizations in the community.

First beneficiary is Saipan Mayor's Office spay and neuter program



cooperation with the Humane Society International for later this month.

"We share the goal of our

In celebration of its 30th anniversary this year, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands has announced it will donate a portion of its proceeds from the Taste of the Marianas to charitable organizations over the next five weeks. Participating hotels are Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort Saipan, Mariana Resort & Spa, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

"HANMI appreciates the opportunity to co-sponsor the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden each year with the Marianas Visitors Authority and highlight the culinary repertoire of our hotels for the community," said HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh. "In celebration of our 30th anniversary this year and in line with our anniversary theme of 'Building a Stronger Commonwealth with You,' some of our hotel members will also be donating a portion of their proceeds from each week to a charitable organization in the community."

Proceeds from the first night of the festival on May 2, 2015, will go toward the spay/neuter program being organized by the Saipan Mayor's Office in

community in advocating for responsible pet ownership and minimizing our stray dog population. It's good for the community, and it's good for tourism," said Cavanagh. "HANMI has donated to PAWS in the past, and we feel that supporting the spay and neuter clinic is another step in the right direction."

In addition to the monetary donation from Taste of the Marianas proceeds, a number of HANMI member hotels have made in-kind donations of supplies to the clinic.

HANMI is also planning an anniversary gala for later this year. For more anniversary celebration details, visit HANMI's Facebook page, HANMI's 30th Anniversary.

HANMI was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the NMI. Today the association is composed of 11 of the major hotels in the Northern Marianas serving a diversity of markets including Korea, Japan, China, and Russia. The association also has a growing number of associate members in related industries.

HANMI members account for most of the hotel rooms in the Northern Marianas. Last year, HANMI members contributed \$13.2 million in hotel occupancy tax to government coffers, as well as \$4.4 million in gross revenue receipts. The hotel industry is the largest private employer in the CNMI, with HANMI members currently employing about 1,600 employees. (HANMI)

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Interior awards \$850K to the USVI government

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina recently approved nearly \$850,000 in grant assistance to help address priority areas for the U.S. Virgin Islands government. Funding will support improvements to the St. Thomas East End Medical Center; provide at-risk youth with apprenticeship opportunities; strengthen capacity at the Water and Power Authority; and underwrite the 2015 Household Income and Expenditure Survey.

"It is important that the Virgin Islands have the resources to update economic indicator data for the Territory. Accurate and timely data is critical for investors and decision-makers with respect to the economy and in seeking fair treatment by the federal government in its allocation of federal funding to the Virgin Islands," said Kia'aina.

Red Cross donates trash bags to DEQ

The American Red Cross NMI Chapter recently donated 2,000 33-gallon trash bags to the Division of Environmental Quality.

"We hope that these bags will help in a small way to support the outstanding efforts of DEQ and many groups here in the CNMI that are conducting beach and trash clean ups," said John Hirsh, the NMI Chapter's executive director. "Everyone in our community needs to place a priority on keeping our beaches clean. The Red Cross has supported beach cleanups for many years and has in the past adopted a beach in Lau Lau." (ARC)

The additional federal funding provided will also help strengthen capacity within the Virgin Islands Housing Authority and USVI Water and Power Authority as well as increase healthcare access provided by the St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corporation."

■ **St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corp.**: \$201,500 to support the only existing federally qualified health center in the St. Thomas-St. John district that provides health services to more than half of the total population of the U.S. Virgin Islands. Funding will be used to upgrade, improve, and enhance existing information technology infrastructure and to help the Center continue to meet its goal and commitment to provide appropriate, cost-efficient, comprehensive high-quality health care to the residents of the community without regard

for their ability to pay.

■ **Virgin Islands Housing Authority**: \$242,698 to fund the YouthBuild Apprenticeship Pilot Project geared towards developing at-risk youth ages 16-24. Youth will receive training and develop skills to build and install cabinets and screens for the VIHA, developers, and private homeowners. The program aims to establish itself as a non-profit 501c(3) corporation, conduct staff training, develop and administer project evaluation activities, and develop an apprenticeship business model for replication and sustainability.

■ **Virgin Islands House-**

hold Expenditure Income Survey: \$242,836 will fund the University of the Virgin Islands to conduct the Household Income Expenditure Survey, a statistical tool used to adjust the Consumer Price Index, and quantify household poverty and hardship in a community.

Last conducted in 2005, the HIES will provide important economic indicators, as well as data and performance measures to evaluate the development and self-sufficiency needs of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

■ **USVI Water and Power Authority**: \$125,437 will be used to build capacity and

train WAPA engineers to operate, maintain, and manage water treatment plants. Courses through the American Petroleum Institute will teach maintenance skills needed to ensure the integrity of pipelines, pressure vessels and above-ground storage tanks after they have been placed in service. The training further enables WAPA engineers to conduct full-scale internal inspection and evaluation to reduce costs and eliminate the need for outsourcing.

■ **USVI Water and Power Authority**: \$35,857 will provide safety training to employees at the St. Thomas Power Plant. Funds will also be used to purchase a multifunction printer that will enable the 50-year old power plant to preserve, create, and document historical plant data; and provide upgrades to a schematic electronic database. (OIA)

Monthlong DFW program audit begins

The Department of Land and Natural Resources met with the auditor conducting a monthlong audit of its Division of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife and Sports Fish Restoration program yesterday, according to DLNR Secretary Richard Seman.

The five-year audit looks at the previous two fiscal years, according to Seman. He called this monthlong audit "comprehensive."

"What they want to see is that you are complying with the process. That whatever you are doing within 2013 and 2014, you are doing correctly," he said.

Earlier, Seman had pointed to some issues from the previous audit in 2010—for issues in 2008 and 2009—that had to be taken care of. His department worked on a corrective action plan for these issues, he said. The corrective actions would deal with indirect costs that could be charged for administrative activities.

He said the program was probably charging more than what the program agreement allowed, or put together for those two years, some \$65,000. The money repaid, though, went back into the restoration program, he said. (Dennis B. Chan)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Happy 11th birthday to our beautiful princess, Jamie Ann Mari E. Pambid! We wish the best in everything. We love you so much! Enjoy your special day, our princess. With lots of love, your brother Roland, Mommy, Mike and the rest of the family.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Happy birthday to our beautiful sister, Maria Calma! May you be showered with lots of love and happiness on your special day! We love you so much! Greetings come from your sisters, brothers, Mom, and the whole family!

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White House to host summit on Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders on May 12

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders will host an unprecedented and historic White House Summit on AAPIs at The George Washington University on May 12. Con-

vening senior federal government officials, community leaders, and members of the public from across the country, the Summit will recognize the growing influence of AAPIs and celebrate the Obama Administration's policies

and programs that continue to support this community.

Now the fastest growing racial group in this country, the AAPI community is increasing over four times as rapidly as the total U.S. population and ex-

pected to double to more than 47 million by 2060. Recognizing the diverse needs of the growing AAPI population, President Obama re-established the White House Initiative in 2009 to improve the quality of life for all

APIs through increased access to federal programs. In honor of this leadership, the Summit will be part of the main celebratory week of events during AAPI Heritage Month and will be free and open to the public. (WH)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Japan Consulate to offer class on Japanese culture

The Consular Office of Japan in Saipan will organize a class about Japanese culture on May 28, 2015, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Anyone interested must register their name by Monday, May 25, 2015, by contacting cojsf@ag.mofa.go.jp.

The class—which will be held at the Consular Office of Japan's conference room on the second floor of the Bank of Hawaii Building, Mariana Heights Business Park, Puerto Rico, Saipan—will be open to just 15 people on the first-come, first-

served basis. Participants will be taught Origami (paper folding), Japan video topics, etc. (PR)

MHS to issue report cards on May 14

Marianas High School will be distributing its 4th quarter mid-progress report cards on May 14, 2015, at the MHS Dolphin Gymnasium from 4pm to 6pm. This is a great opportunity to talk to the teachers about your child. See you there! Should you have any questions or need to make an appointment to see your child's teacher, call the Main Office at 237-3206/5. For news and information

about our school, check out our website at www.marianashighschool.com. (MHS)

Family grief support meeting today

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding its monthly grief support meeting today, May 7, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road in Gualo Rai. For more information, email tcfSaipan@gmail.com or call Jill Derrickson at 989-9821. To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassionatefriends.org.

org. (TCF)

CNMI Museum board meeting schedule

The CNMI Museum of History and Culture will be holding a regular meeting of its board of governors on Friday, May 8, at 9am at the NMI Humanities Council conference room. The agenda will include the election of officers, a review of the museum work plan and preparations for the development of a strategic plan, and upcoming projects. A finalized agenda will be available prior to and at the meeting. This meeting is open to the public. You may contact

Robert Hunter at the CNMI Museum, 664-2160, for more information. (PR)

Air Force training at Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, GUAM—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- May 7, from 10am to 2pm
- May 8, from 10am to 4pm

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. (PR)

Saipan Community School holds Spring Band Concert



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Saipan Community School band director Tamiko Winkfield, right, poses with members of the school's Concert Band after last week's 27th Spring Band Concert at the Saipan Community Church's chapel.

»Uke Jam set tonight

yet as the school will be hosting its Uke Jam today, May 7, again at the Susupe school's chapel.

Winkfield said it is the 15th year that ukulele has been used to teach the required music class that all students must take.

"This year, we have expanded our ukulele program to include 3rd to 5th graders as well as our already established 6th to 8th program. It will be a fun night of ukulele music. The ukulele fosters island culture, fun, friendship, and great music. Come and share in the joy of music with us!"

Today's Uke Jam will start at 7:30am and entrance is free.

Carwash raises \$4K

In related news, SCS' first-ever carwash to raise funds for the school's educational technology needs was a complete success with the fundraising campaign raising \$4,000.

Winkfield and SCS aren't done



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From left, SCS first grade teacher Amber Van't Hoff, third grade teacher Debbie Flores, and second grade teacher Emily Santos man the bake sale table during the carwash fundraiser.



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SCS physical education teacher William Shroeder, fourth from left, spearheaded the school's educational technology carwash last April 25.

Headed by SCS physical education teacher William Shroeder, the carwash was held last April 25 at the SCS premises. All of SCS teachers and staff and almost 100 percent of 4th to 8th graders came to wash cars.

"He saw a need for educational technology and wanted to get the students involved in learning how to raise funds for their education," said Winkfield.

Under the setup, higher grade students washed cars and the lower elementary K-3 participated in a very successful bake sale.

"We are so thankful to the community for their support of education. You gave the students a great learning experience and have allowed them to practice lifelong skills," added Winkfield. (PR)



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May 07, 2015

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APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Saipan Sea Cruise	04/21/2015 SPIm-2015-X-025	Dry Dock	Lower Base	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (04/27/2015)*
2. Saipan International Real	02/24/2015 SMS-2015-X-10	Ocean Vista Resort	Capital Hill	Major Siting	Certified Complete (04/29/2015)
3. Venture Capital Group	02/06/2015 SMS-2015-X-007	Villora Condotel	Achugao	Major Siting	Under Review
4. Alter City Group	05/05/2015 TMS-2015-X-028	Plumeria Resort Project	Tinian	Major Siting	Under Review

Require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

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Mike Huckabee will make history, win or lose

Tuesday was Mike Huckabee's turn to make it official. What does history say about his chances?

Once the governor of Arkansas and more recently a talk-show host, Huckabee is one of three repeat candidates in the Republican presidential race for 2016. Texas Governor Rick Perry and former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum ran in 2012. Huckabee skipped that cycle, but ran in 2008.

It's possible to do better in a second race for a presidential nomination than it was the first time, even without acquiring new credentials along the way. Ronald Reagan, Bob Dole, John McCain and Mitt Romney all did so. That history is one reason I give Huckabee a real chance of winning, even though he isn't a top-tier contender.

But Huckabee is trying something those candidates didn't do. None of them skipped a contested cycle. So it's worth looking at what happened to candidates who have tried that since the modern presidential nomination process began in 1972.

Jerry Brown ran in 1976 and 1980, when he was governor of California the first time, and then again in 1992. He kicked up some dust in late primaries after Bill Clinton had already knocked out his viable competition, but nothing more.

Al Gore passed on running in 1992 after winning a handful of primaries in 1988. He won the nomination easily in 2000, but of course that was after serving as vice president for two terms. Hardly a comparable case.

Dick Gephardt also took a break after running a solid but losing effort in 1988, returning in 2004. In the meantime, he had become the Democratic leader in the House. It didn't help. He was a more serious candidate than Brown was in 1992, but failed to win a single state.

A third 1988 candidate, Joe Biden, waited two decades before jumping in again. In 2008, he at least made it to Iowa.

This isn't an encouraging set of cases. All except Gore basically flopped after taking a break. On the other hand, Huckabee only waited eight years. The others all had longer layoffs.

Oddly enough, no modern candidate has run, skipped a single cycle and returned eight years later to try again. So Huckabee, at the bare minimum, will be at least a footnote in American political history.

In other words, not counting cycles in which an incumbent president wasn't challenged for the nomination. So John McCain ran in 2000 and 2008, with no contested cycle in 2004 because George W. Bush was running for re-election. One more case, George McGovern, is a bit different, since he won the nomination in 1972 before trying again in 1984 and drawing very little support.



Chamorita and Chamorito

In the early '80s when I resided in Guam, the term Chamorita and Chamorito were somewhat similar to the "dalaginding" or "balasitang" and the male "binarito" in Pilipino, referring to a young, modest, and petite girl, and a strapping sapling of a boy, respectively.

It was still the same when I came to visit Saipan in 1989, and when I came to reside in 1998. The terms took a holiday while I was with PSS and before I left in 2008 to deal with a case of cervical spondylosis, in the Philippines, the United States and China. I did hear the word first used to refer to a young Chinese girl from Dong Bei, about 120 lbs, learning the ropes of survival in the "wilds" of Micronesia circa 2010.

About half a decade later, I find myself back on Saipan and my friend has bloomed to 280 lbs and still blossoming. On our encounter again, she was still called "Chamorita," except this time the term referred to her size. In fact, the new term to refer to *da pangzi* (being fully rotund) for the female is...you guessed it, *Chamorita*!

This was confirmed when I met one of my former 6th grade students and she told me that one of her classmates has grown to be a Chamorita. It also became obvious that a young boy with a protruding belly was called Chamorito, and it no longer had to do with age as it did with size. To be "Chamorro" has become a sign of becoming a candidate for rotundity and shortened longevity! We will dismiss the racial timbre, tone and prone-to-diabetes connotation. The term for NMI ethnicity has become synonymous with size, but now referring to all nationalities of a girth measure!

For instance, in CK on Chalan Joaquin Doi are pockets of Indian residents who used to be as slim as the guys in Aurangabad in Decan Maharashtra, India in the '70s who finger-scooped their food while gathered around a table a foot above the floor. With such amenities, one cannot afford to have an extra pound of unnecessary flesh to carry around. The CK guys, however, have definitely become Chamorros, even those who do ablution five times a day rather than greet you *Namaste*.

To be sure, I have added a couple of inches to my midsection as well, and many of my acquaintances a decade back have added a few more measure to their girth, so this must be an improvement of culinary immensity. Yup. We've grown fat, and do not burn it off with exercise as we have become motor-dependent in this 5x12 mile island in the west Pacific.

I often grab my backpack and an umbrella (it does rain or the intensity of the sun does burn our beautifully brown skin) to walk the distance between Antonio Apa St. in Finasisu to the CK Post Office. It is a good half-hour walk (more if one stopped for fallen mangoes) that invariably breaks a sweat, especially now that we are into the

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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summer part of spring! But it is by my lonesome that I dodge the whizzing SUVs and 4x4s along the way. There are not many pedestrians doing legwork on my lane and drivers have lead feet!

With a close friend, I hang out with members of the Carolinian community basking on their navigational stories and skills but the younger generation have also gotten "addicted" to the beer and the *asado* that easily adds the extra curl and lump on the midsection. My image of the famed navigator Pius "Mau" Piulug of the '76 *Hokule'a* expedition is that of a waves-current-and-stargazer from Micronesia who showed instrument-less voyaging between Hawaii and Tahiti. Mau's "brother" graciously hosts my frequent visits to his shores by the Saipan lagoon, which is not lacking guests and friends from Saipan—Tanapag to Chalan Kanoa, and the islands between Chuuk and Yap where he originally came from.

Our interest is not purely academic history, the preservation of recollections and memory. As Mau once categorized, there are the navigators who only know how to sail, and the navigators who sail but also listen to the "magic" in their skills that reveals a deeper spirit, or a more profound understanding. Not hocus-pocus magic but the wisdom of the ages handed down in specific metaphors from one generation to another.

The *Chamorita/Chamorito* appellation has now evolved into anyone concerned with adding calories to the metabolism rather than heeding the cognitive spirit lessons of traditional skills from many cultures that has come to make the NMI home.

I am not averse to the added girth, particularly those of my age who in China are deemed well off if fashionably equipped with a rotund paunch. But actively well rounded and lazily corpulent does make a difference at the diabetes' door, and unfortunately, for the Pacific *Ohana*, processing refined sugar and spirit alcohol that came with Europeans to the diet, formerly gained from vegetables and fruits, have become a curse to the culture of abundance that has plagued Micronesian cuisine.

We need to redeem *Chamorita/Chamorito* to its original slim meaning. Now, about the girth size of the Carolinians...

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Pisun Inaguaiya

Parehu mimilalag lagu' mame yan un' primahu gi alacha nai sige in' sasañgan finapos mañainan mame antes. I dinaña grasiosu na estoria siha, man-mañige' chaleg yan manbonitun kantan Chamorro, Karolinas yan Chapanis muna' bonito i inetnon familia.

Ayu na dinaña' nai in' seseda' manafitmen pogse' familia yan haye siha man-hihot na parientes pat otru sinisede siha gi señgsoñg. Ni estasion radio taya' guihe na tiempsu soluke KUAM giya Guam. Pues kulan telefon alaihai 'nai mafattu siha infotmasion sinisede.

Si bihun mame (Elias P. Sablan) i likidu luseru ni umesgaihon ham, kandet gi puntan kantit para i galaide' mame gi halom chubasku, achon gi chagu' sabana, menhalom yan kabilosu na kabisiyun galaide' familia.

Guia tumanom fitme yan ma'ug na inaguaiya, respetu, linala' espirituat yan sensian yine'ase' gi halom famaguña (mañainan mame). Ti hulili'e' este na kualidat gi otru siha na man-ma'gas esta pa'gu!

Mapresu antes de gera pot masuspecha ni Japones na man-nana'e infotmasion para i Amerikanu pot ha tuñgu' dididi' fuminu' Englís. Para todou i sakrifisioña ni ti mahassu maseha un' fina' premium agradesimientu.

Magahet na parehu ham man-na'e' tanu' para gima Yuus Oleai yan St. Jude. Honge-yu' na ti in' praktes este na gineftau. Mampos appattau i sakan 'nai in' disidi man-ayuda (1966/1993).

Dispues, kada celebrasion pasqua resureksion (Easter) yan mafanagun i Niñu (Christmas) man-daña ham gi gima bihun mame giya Oleai. Hafa signifikasion este na inetnon familia? Dinaña! Estague' muna' fitme yan ma'ug i pegsi' familia dehemunos kau pagyu, lin- au, uchan, somnag pat katma.

Dinaña', satton na inaguaiya, inagofli'e', espirituat yan yine'ase' pisun finana' guen mañainan mame.

Konsensian Tradision

I man-guelota umesgaihon ineyag linala' espirituat (katolismu) 'nai ma-establese justisia siha na areglu. Hana' fitme i inetnon yan inafamauleg natibu. Mas adelantau i kinalamten dese siñku sigu tatté.

Este na bittu muna' fitme yan umareglu ha' anen todus. Ihemps: Gi antigua na komunitat natibu tai tanu' i Manachañg. Areglu espirituat yan justisia sumede man-gai tanu kumu tautau lokue'. Mas mana' fanfitme i areglu siha parehu para todus.

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Lastima i ineyagta kumu mañgatoliku. I finana'gue ginen i Saina mafattu ginen i Santa Biblia. Ta tulaika este pa'gu yan ineyag destrosiu ni mau'udai gi galaide' casino.

In' hassu 'nai ha saulag yan dulalag si Jesukristo i tropa gamblers yan tailaya na tropa kometsiante ginen i sinagogu—Gima' Yu'osña?

Rason na ha estotbayu' este sa' hu hahuñgog ginen taduñg na patte gi

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Learning how with marijuana: Thanks PSS!

education officials.

Education is truly the key to evolving with marijuana use in our society. Just as we have been educating our youth not to drink, we have to educate them not to use marijuana until their brain has fully developed. The good part is most students already know marijuana is less addictive and less dangerous than alcohol and cigarettes. PSS is also more worried about betel nut than marijuana, which is a positive signal to move forward with full legalization using the scientific approach I have been prescribing. PSS will also get millions from legalization to help improve our school system and their efforts to educate our children about the adverse effects of drugs and how marijuana can destroy their academic careers. The problem is too much of our evolutionary process is becoming ever more dependent upon politics, instead of the well-trained educators and social scientists of today. In fact, you never hear politicians refer to educators or social scientists for solutions in the political arena, which is why we see so many social issues become political footballs that get tossed around but rarely addressed and given to the people to make a play (to decide).

Maybe now that PSS has spoken, the senators will move on with the bill as this waiting for a majority to comment is a bit ridiculous because even if they have a hundred public hearings they will never get the majority to attend. Don't let legalization become a political football like some other issues that never cross the goal line. Listen to PSS and make the winning play with the moratorium, senators, and score for the people. Legalize it!

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Kagman, Saipan



By JOHN DELROSARIO

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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espiritu-hu finañagun un' dañkulu na ira ni mamamaila' para iya Marianas. Fotte na destrosiu yan sapet para u sotta gi lastroña. Homihum i tanu' ha'ane yan pueñge. Hihot siempre ta lastra hila'ta gi edda'.

In' hassu Pagyun Poñgoña ni fumalalague Saipan dispues gotpe ha birague' papa' Guam ya tat tiha pagñgas? I ira ni huli'e' mas didog para todou atmos banda. Estague' muna' chachatsaga siñientegu na tiempsu.

Muñga hit planun militar pot suspichosu na destrosiu kuttura. Lau ta fatkeluye asuntun casino gambling ni sumen metgot gi destrosiu tradision tanu'? Haf' tasasañgan?

Taduñg Na Botsa

Pa'gu mas 'nai klaru na mayotmiente gi membron lehislatura mankinamisolas 'an na'en Best Sunshine. Ai, esta masasada' siha gi hilu' satgen baiya ya sige man-achatge. Man-malefa haye amon niha. Maliñgu i interes i tautau gi konsensian niha.

'Nai humuyuñg-yu' yan Magoo para i gima ilegña na todou i man-gaige gi halom bar puru galagun chalan ni man-mañoda' nuebu amun niha man-bachigu'. Man-malefa haye umelihe siha. "Dudayu' kau sumauau i Chinu gi eleksion".

Sahyan Estoriata

'An in' repara, siempre un' soda' na i kutturan natibu ma-impatta pot hinerasion ginen estorian mañaina-ta. Mafanana'an este "oral culture" 'nai ginen estoria siha 'nai tali'e' finapos natibu deseñu na tiempsu.

Machalapon finapos-ta ginen estoria yan kantan Chamorro. Poresu na sen hasan tali'e' tinige' finapos natibu fuera de haf' ha pluma i Español yan otru siha nasion ni man-ginen este. Enfin, tatutuhon dumokumentu gi fino'ta estoriata gi modetnu na komunitat iya Marianas.

Solu interes-hu mañgge' gi hila' nanahu i para bai' establese un' fitme yan sahyan ni siña umesgaihon finana' guen liñguahi-hu mismu. Ginen este 'nai mauleg taketuñg ginen tautau-ta siha hafa estoria-ta. Sumen mañge' ma-ekuñgog haf' estoria-ta gi liñguahita parehu ha' gi hechuran konbetsasion yan matuge'.

Pinilohu na manog ha' tetekun lau un' manadan tautau manina'ye nu este na pesti. Gi lamasan sena, todou manetekun i membron familia. Ni unu kumekuentos. Man-gaige todou matan niha gi

iPhone. Mas ma'tut i konbetsasion familia. Mumaneñgheñg i sentada gi lamasa, mañgahulu' dispues sin palabra. Magpu' i pueñge 'nai kontodu dos umasagua losus sin inayu'us.

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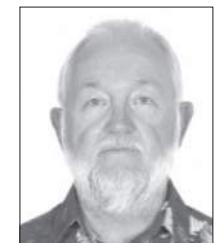
Hafa'gue' si pale i amiguhu Magoo. Humalom gi konfisinaru 'nai mattu amigan mame Lia' kumonfisat. Hana'e i prohima pinitensiñia para u tufuñg kuantu na pution guaha gi lañget.

Matman si Lia' haf' na ayu na pinitensiñia mana'iñña. Matachoñg gi un' banda para u nañgan ñaihon si pale. 'Nai ma'adde si Magoo taya' kampu sa' kinilag guihe na ora. Esta bibisbes huyuñg para u falag i kemon. Kanaha' mamatai chumaleg si Lia. P'ibetsu pindrehu!

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Mother's Day: Poems from Tinian Elementary School

Since February I have been conducting a series of poetry workshops focused on haiku (short nature poems) and senryu (short poems about people) in the 6th grade English classes of Mrs. Brenda Safer at Tinian Elementary School.

Students were encouraged to write in the language of their choice.

Here are their poems for Mother's Day. The three-line poems have been placed in one line with a slash indicating the break between each line for space saving purposes. Enjoy! To all mothers in the CNMI, Happy Mother's Day!

Class 6A

si nana's/importante/hu guuya hao – Marisa King
hugging mother/with love/mother's day – Ricky Cruz
mother/sleeping/very sweet – John Christian Guintu
hu guuya/nanahu/todu I tiempo – Victoria Sablan
mom/beautiful/inside and out – Kiran Shrestha
nana/sen bonita/ha'anin man nana – Austin John Barcina Sablan
wonderful caring/sweet lovely/mother – Karen Lagunay
mother/sweet as sugar/ants come – Clarence Rodriguez
mother's day/hu guuya hao/nanan biha – John Eric B.
mom/endless love/beautiful benevolent/there for us – Rose Cruz
beautiful like roses/strong like steel/mother – Ryusei Desebel
my mom/gives me/warm hugs – Yna Agbayani
mother/ raised me/thankful – John Victor Ancheta
nanay/mahal kita/everyday – Allen Morilla
nanay/mahal kita/never forget that – Vince Levi C.
mom/loving me/all day – Bermar Lopez
happy flower/sad cloud/beautiful mom – Danivid Cing
mama nako/guwapa kanunay/gihiguma nako siya – Beverly S.F.G.
shines like a diamond/wonderful rose/Mother's Day – Jeralde Aldan
mom give/courage/to us – Louis Yin
always caring/giver of life/Mom – Sinalu Ray Cepeda
smiling star/happy as a rainbow/Mom – Isa King Aldan

Class 6B

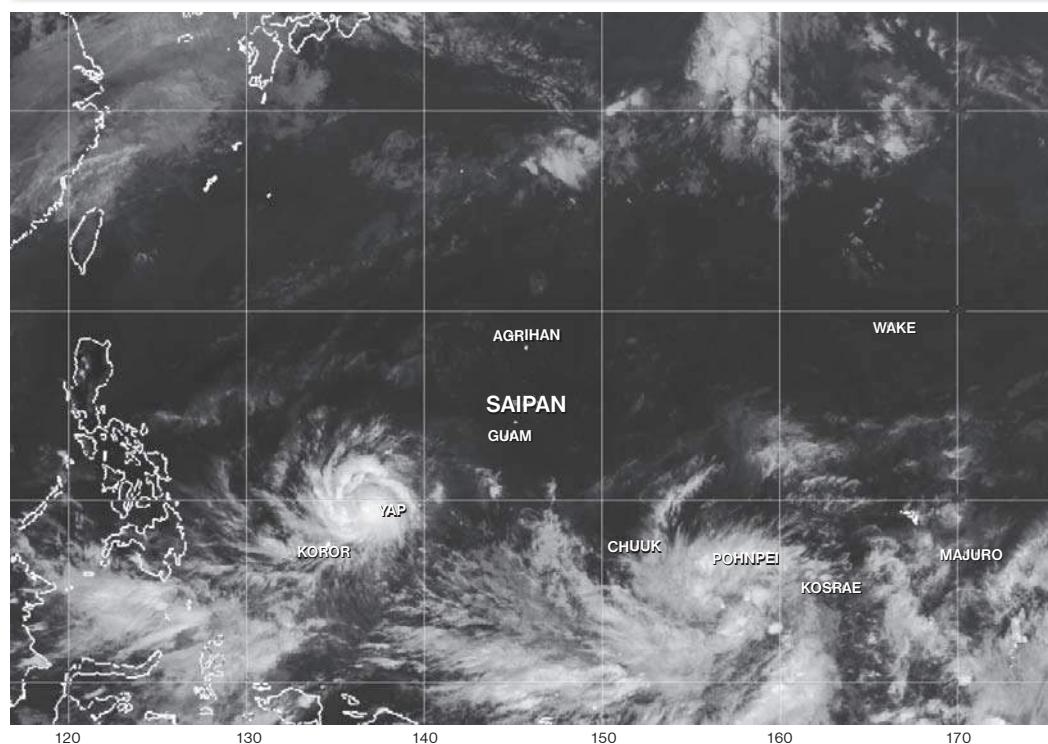
mother/lectures me though/wise – Isshori Gurung
mom/without her/no love – Elvie Dominguiano
I want to skydive/she won't let me/overprotective mom – David Mendiola
my mom/loves me/always – Tara Diaz Pascua
makes us stick together/center of our family/Mom – Tasi Long
mom/so sweet/sugary chocolate – Axl M. Ong
mom/hardworking/thank you – Jared King
mother's love/all I need/family – Vincent Manibusan
Dad/loses things/Mom finds them – Jeremiah Hofschneider
mother/endless love/beautiful kind/always there for us – Dilasa Karki
mother thank you/for teaching us/for being there – Yoshiko Crisostimo
our mom/very strong/fights for us – Ishalaine N. Khan
mother/cuddles me/from fear – John Mark Palilio
mom and I/totally bonding together/worth it – Ashley Gwyneth Jumao-as
motherly love/world wide/much sweetness – Marina Joyce Chant
angel/my light/Mom – Dhan Miguel N. Robles
mother/kisses me/every day – Victor Sablan
mama/stay with me/I need you – Savannah Sandbergen
mom/brought me/to life – Eddawn Lorie Labador
mom /loves me/til the end – Su Hyeon

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 86° ▾ 75°	▲ 87° ▾ 75°	▲ 86° ▾ 75°	▲ 86° ▾ 75°	▲ 87° ▾ 75°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Noul (06W) is centered 40 miles west of Yap near 9N137E and moving westward at 5 mph with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph. Numerous showers and a few thunderstorms are within 125 miles of the center of Noul. Farther out there are scattered showers and a few thunderstorms up to 250 miles from the center of Noul. For more information on Typhoon Noul see bulletins issued by Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW or The National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough curves southeastward from Typhoon Noul at 9N137E through a developing circulation south of Pohnpei at 4N158E then runs eastward to another circulation southeast of Majuro at 2N176E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are near and south of Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae or south of a line from 3N140E to 8N147E to 5N164E to 2N168E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are southeast of Majuro or southeast of a line from EQ170E to 7N176E to 7N180E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▾ 80
Palau	Sunny	▲ 89 ▾ 81
Yap	Heavy Rain	▲ 88 ▾ 79
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▾ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▾ 77
Kosrae	Heavy Rain	▲ 84 ▾ 79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▾ 82

Around the Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 72 ▾ 64
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 80 ▾ 54
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▾ 78
Honolulu	Windy	▲ 81 ▾ 70
London	Rain	▲ 58 ▾ 49
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67 ▾ 54
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 96 ▾ 77
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 60 ▾ 49
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▾ 71
New York	Cloudy	▲ 68 ▾ 56
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 78 ▾ 63
Paris	Showers	▲ 63 ▾ 47
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 70 ▾ 43
Rome	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▾ 64
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64 ▾ 42
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 63 ▾ 50
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 76 ▾ 50
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80 ▾ 63
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▾ 62

Tides

4:50 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
9:49 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
5:00 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.2 Feet
11:55 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:52 AM	6:36 PM
Friday	5:52 AM	6:36 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:37 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:37 PM
Monday	5:51 AM	6:37 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:22 PM	8:13 AM
Friday	10:16 PM	9:06 AM
Saturday	11:08 PM	10:02 AM
Sunday		10:58 AM
Monday	12:00 AM	11:56 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF APRIL 2, 2015

DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS				
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN				
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
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UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
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UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN				
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
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DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
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7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ624	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
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SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN				
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN				

Music school holds second recital-concert

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Eighth Notes Music School held its second recital-concert at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center last April 25,

with over 50 students displaying their skills in playing varied musical instruments.

Among the 28 who played the piano were Traci Pillarina, who performed *Roller Skate* and *Beach Party*, Caleb Yan who played *Fantasia Im-*

promptu, and Daniel Gonzales who tickled the ivories with *Festive March*.

There were also pop and modern songs, like *If I Ain't Got You* played by Olivia Hirsh and *Let it Be* and *All of Me*, both performed by Andrie Molinyawe

Matt Moran was among the 10 who showcased their talent in playing the guitar, while nine more performed using drums.

Shea Hartig strummed the song *Only Exception*, while Sumin and Yumin Ahn plucked the instrumental *River Flows in You*.

The usual piano piece, *Canon in D*, was played on drums by Steven Goodwin, while Davean Gonzales performed the '80s pop staple *My Sharona*.

Students Amir Abes and Aubriana Sablan played multiple instruments during their perfor-

mances, while some sang along with their instruments like Gianna Lang and Katie Rose James.

For teacher Ryan Isidro, the event was a success.

"The audience enjoyed and was amazed with the concert," he said.



Contributed Photo
Eighth Notes Music School held its second recital concert at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center last April 25. Students played various instruments such as piano, guitar, drums and ukulele. This photo shows the first batch of performers.



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The second batch of performers finish their routines at the second recital concert of the Eighth Notes Music School at the Multi-Purpose Center last April 25.

May is proclaimed Women's Health Month

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Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres joined Commonwealth Health-care Corp officials in proclaiming May as Women's Health Month, to celebrate the progress made in women's health and recognize that more needs to be done to safeguard women's health for generations to come. The proclamation took place at CHCC's conference room on May 4.

The event is modeled after the National Women's Health Week that is celebrated annually across the nation.

In the CNMI, coronary heart disease, diabetes, and hypertension remain the leading causes of death for women and an activity as simple as walking for at least 30 minutes, six days per week

can reduce the risk of dying from these diseases by 50 percent.

Women in the CNMI can promote health, prevent disease, and illness by taking simple steps to improve their physical, mental, social, and spiritual health by not smoking, chewing betel nut with or without tobacco, eating nutritious meals, being physically active and receiving regular medical checkups.

Torres urged women and organizations to join the movement to promote a healthy lifestyle by participating in CNMI Women's Health Month.

TaAnn T. Kabua, of the Division of Public Health Services Maternal and Child Health Bureau, will be the main contact for the monthlong celebration.

The division has lined up several activities to mark this celebration, including an invi-

tations-only breakfast club yesterday that served as a forum for exchanging health information and statistics promoting DPHS-MCHB community-driven projects, developing strategic contacts, and increasing the visibility of health-driven women.

On May 9, from 10am to 12pm, there will also be a celebrity bagging at all four Joeten Shopping Centers, where incentives will be given to families who purchase at least five fruits or vegetables, while supplies last.

On May 10, from 10am to 11am, there will be a Mother's Day Mass at St. Jude Parish in honor of the Inaugural Women's Health Month.

May 11, from 8am to 4pm, will be Women's Health Day. This will be at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center and will include presenters and

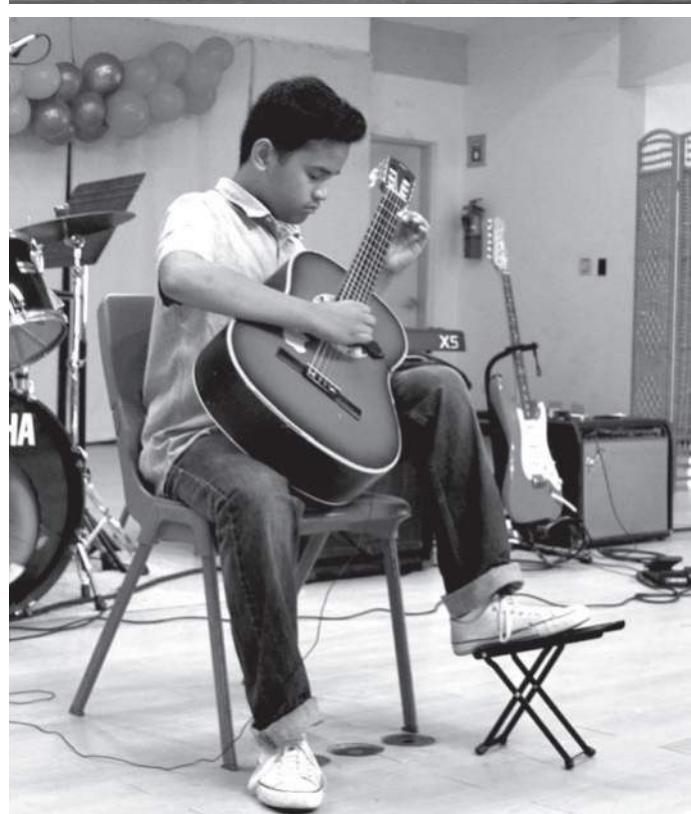
exhibits. Health services will be offered as well.

On May 12, there will be group prenatal care classes at CHCC's Women, Infant, and Children Program, which is by invitation only. On May 14 there will be a self-defense class. Contact 287-7718 to register.

On May 16 there will be a healthy cooking demo at the WIC Clinic. From May 18 to 21 there will be lunch hour walks at the American Memorial Park from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

On May 22, there will be a "Walk in Our Shoes" three-mile race at the Garapan Fishing Base and will include men.

The final event commemorating Women's Health Month is a Zumba Party on May 28 at the Garapan Central Park from 6pm to 9pm. Health screenings will be available before the Let's Move Zumba class starting at 4:30pm.



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Eighth Notes Music School student Matt Moran was one of those who played the guitar at their recital last April 25. He played the piece *Romance*.



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Nation

Clinton: Nation needs to fix broken immigration system

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton said Tuesday that any immigration overhaul must include a path to “full and equal citizenship,” drawing a sharp contrast with Republicans who have promoted providing a legal status or blocked efforts in Congress to address the nation’s immigration system.

“This is where I differ with everybody on the Republican side. Make no mistake, today not a single Republican candidate, announced or potential, is clearly and consistently supporting a path to citizenship. Not one,” Clinton said, adding, “When they talk about legal status, that is code for second-class status.”

Clinton’s remarks during her first campaign stop in Nevada underscored Democrats’ efforts to box-in Republican presidential candidates who have opposed a comprehensive bill including a pathway to citizenship. Congressional Republicans have said the changes must be made incrementally, beginning with stronger border security.

The issue of immigration resonates with many Hispanic Americans, who backed President Barack Obama by wide margins in 2012. Clinton’s



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at an event at Rancho High School Tuesday, May 5, 2015, in Las Vegas.

pitch to Latino voters came as two of her potential Republican rivals, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, have courted Hispanics and talked about ways to overhaul the immigration system while opposing Obama’s executive actions last year to shield millions of immigrants from deportation.

Obama’s executive actions loom large in the immigration

debate. The orders included the expansion of a program protecting young immigrants from deportation if they were brought to the U.S. illegally as children. Another provision extended deportation protections to parents of U.S. citizens and permanent residents who have been in the country for several years.

Twenty-six states, including Nevada, have sued to block the plan, and a New Orleans-

based 5th Circuit Court of Appeals panel heard arguments on the challenges last month. A ruling is pending.

Clinton said she supported Obama’s executive actions and said she would “defend” them against Republican opposition while seeking ways to expand them if elected president. Her message was aimed at so-called Dreamers, young people who have been protected

from deportation by Obama’s executive actions.

“I don’t understand how anyone can look at these young people and think that we should break up more families or turn away young people with talent,” she said. “So I will fight for comprehensive immigration reform and a path to citizenship.”

Clinton also said she was worried about the use of family detention centers to hold women and children caught up in the immigration system, which activists have said is inhumane.

Her framing of the immigration debate has been closely watched by Latinos as Obama has struggled to pass reform legislation through Congress. And her remarks were received enthusiastically by immigration advocates.

“She called immigration reform central to her campaign and took a series of positions that will make Republican heads explode and Republican candidates shudder,” said Frank Sharry, the founder and executive director of America’s Voice, an immigration ad-

vocacy group.

Clinton has been tripped up by immigration policy before. During the 2008 primaries, she initially vacillated on and then opposed allowing immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to obtain driver’s licenses. Her campaign said last month she now supports state policies that allow driver’s licenses under those circumstances.

Last summer, Clinton drew grumbles from immigration advocates when she said unaccompanied minors from Central America should be sent back to their homes. In the fall, some young Hispanics heckled her at a few campaign events, urging her to pressure Obama to issue the executive orders.

Preparing for a debate over immigration, Republicans have sought to portray Clinton as opportunistic on the issue.

“Obviously she’s pretty good at pandering and flipping and flopping and doing and saying anything she needs to say,” Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said during an event with Hispanic Republicans in Denver.

ACROSS THE NATION

Ferguson mulls removing Brown shrine from middle of street

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP)—To some, a makeshift shrine in the middle of the Ferguson street where Michael Brown was killed last summer is a hallowed symbol of a new civil rights movement over race and policing. To others, it has served its purpose and is now more of an eyesore and a road hazard. Within hours of Brown’s Aug. 9 shooting death by a white police officer, people began placing stuffed animals, candles and other tributes in the middle of Canfield Drive, where the unarmed black 18-year-old’s body lay for about four hours before it was removed. The shrine stretches several yards down the center of the two-lane road that bisects a housing complex, and city leaders are grappling with the thorny question of whether to remove or replace it and risk further inflaming racial tensions.

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woman Sgt. Christie Wood said in a statement. Moore was shot about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday after checking on a suspicious person in a neighborhood, Coeur d’Alene Police Chief Lee White said. Police arrested a 26-year-old man after a car chase that reached speeds of 125 mph. The pursuit ended when a police dog dragged the man from his hiding place underneath a commercial truck.

Woman accused of cutting baby from womb will stand trial

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)—A judge determined Tuesday that a Colorado woman charged with cutting an unborn baby from a stranger’s womb will stand trial in a case that has reignited the debate on the legal rights of fetuses. Colorado does not have a fetal homicide law. On Monday, a bill that would have allowed prosecutors to file murder charges for killing a fetus was killed in the Legislature. Dynel Lane, who appeared in court for her preliminary hearing in Boulder, is charged with attacking Michelle Wilkins and removing her 8-month-old fetus after Wilkins responded to a Craigslist ad for baby clothes. Wilkins, 26, survived the March 18 attack at the Longmont home, but the baby girl did not.

Because prosecutors say there is no evidence the baby lived outside the womb, Lane was charged with unlawful termination of a pregnancy. She also is charged with attempted murder for attacking the mother.

Doubts raised about Islamic State’s claim in Texas attack

PHOENIX (AP)—The Islamic State group claimed responsibility Tuesday for the assault on a Texas cartoon contest that featured images of the Prophet Muhammad, but counterterrorism experts said IS has a history of asserting involvement in attacks in which it had no operational role.

That suggests the two gunmen could have carried out their own lone wolf-style strike before they were shot and killed at the scene of Sunday’s shooting in the Dallas suburb of Garland.

Federal officials identified the pair as Elton Simpson and Nadir Soofi, both Americans who lived in Phoenix.

Rep. Michael McCaul, chair-

Turkey farmer hit by bird flu sees emotional, financial toll

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Lifelong turkey farmer Greg Langmo knew as soon as the young flock that usually clustered around him like curious little puppies turned lethargic and stopped eating that his Minnesota farm had been struck by the bird flu that has shaken the poultry industry.

Part of the loss is financial: Langmo lost more than 30,000 turkeys at his farm near Litchfield, and expects to lose well over \$100,000 even after partial government compensation. But a big part is emo-

man of the House Homeland Security Committee, said a Twitter account linked to Simpson included images of Anwar al-Awlaki, an American-born radical cleric killed in a CIA drone strike in Yemen.

Among the hashtags used by the account was “(hash) texassattack.” And one of the final tweets was: “May Allah accept us as mujahideen,” or holy warriors.

“Was he on the radar? Sure he was,” McCaul said from Turkey, where he was leading a congressional delegation. “The FBI has got a pretty good program to monitor public social media.”

But McCaul said he is not

ready to say law enforcement missed any red flags.

The evidence does not indicate the attack was directed by the Islamic State group “but rather inspired by them,” said McCaul, who was briefed on the investigation by federal law enforcement officials. “This is the textbook case of what we’re most concerned about.”

A federal law enforcement official told The Associated Press that authorities had an open investigation into Simpson at the time of the shooting. The official, who was not authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation by name and spoke on condition of anonymity, also said investigators will be studying

cause of short supplies.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has confirmed outbreaks of the highly pathogenic H5N2 avian influenza virus on more than 100 Midwest farms since early March. Hardest hit have been Minnesota, the country’s top turkey producing state, and Iowa, the No. 1 egg producer.

Scientists believe migratory waterfowl carry the virus. Wild ducks and geese don’t become sick from it, but can spread it via their droppings. The virus then finds its way into poultry barns despite tight

the contacts the men had prior to the shooting, both with associates in the U.S. and abroad, to determine any additional terror-related ties.

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biosecurity, perhaps carried in on workers’ footwear or clothing, or maybe hitchhiking on contaminated dust whipped up by the wind.

The 13-week-old toms Langmo lost were meant to be slaughtered and turned into sandwich meat at around 18 to 19 weeks old. One of Langmo’s employees first noticed that something wasn’t right in one of his barns two weeks ago. Test results quickly confirmed the devastating news. A few days later, turkeys started getting sick in his two other barns.

Police: Idaho officer shot by man who stole patrol car dies

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—A northern Idaho police officer shot by a man who stole his patrol car died of his injuries Tuesday evening, police said. Sgt. Greg Moore died at 5:50 p.m. at Kootenai Health in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, police spokes-

Asia

Thai police find new trafficker camps; crackdown intensifies

PADANG BESAR, Thailand (AP)—Police found two more camps Tuesday believed to have held human trafficking victims in southern Thailand—one recently abandoned and the other containing a buried skeleton—days after the grim discovery of 26 bodies at a separate location exposed a thriving human smuggling network in the country.

“We will keep searching, because this means the traffickers are still on the run and taking people with them,” said police Maj. Gen. Amphon Buaruborn, the commander of police for Songkla province, who joined dozens of officers in a trek up Khao Kaew mountain followed by reporters and camera crews. Teams of police dismantled the camp’s eight huts and shelters made of freshly cut wood, where a cellphone charger and clothing were strewn about in signs of an apparent recent evacuation.

Tuesday’s discovery was part of a mission to find survivors—or bodies—that activists say are hidden in the mountains, five days after authorities dug up the 26 corpses at a nearby camp along the Thai-Malaysian border. Authorities say the camps are believed to have been used by a transnational network that smuggled ethnic Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar and migrants from Bangladesh and then abused them and held them captive until

Afghan poppy farmers say new seeds will boost opium output

ZHARI, Afghanistan (AP)—It’s the cash crop of the Taliban and the scourge of Afghanistan—the country’s intractable opium cultivation. This year, many Afghan poppy farmers are expecting a windfall as they get ready to harvest opium from a new variety of poppy seeds said to boost yield of the resin that produces heroin.

The plants grow bigger, faster, use less water than seeds they’ve used before, and give up to double the amount of opium, they say.

No one seems to know where the seeds originate from. The farmers of Kandahar and Helmand provinces, where most of Afghanistan’s poppies are grown, say they were hand-delivered for planting early this year by the same men who collect the opium after each harvest, and who also provide them with tools, fertilizer, farming advice—and the much needed cash advance.

To the villagers, the shadowy men are intermediaries for drug lords and regional traffickers working with or for the Taliban, underscoring the extensive web that fuels the opium trade and keeps the poppy farmers in a clasp of



Forensic police officers collect items left at an abandoned migrant camp on Khao Kaew Mountain near the Thai-Malaysian border in Padang Besar, Songkhla province, southern Thailand, Tuesday, May 5, 2015. AP

their families could pay ransoms.

Separately, in Phang Nga province, a skeleton was found in a mangrove forest and was believed to be the remains of an ethnic Rohingya woman, said Gov. Prayoon Rattanasenee, who was led to the location by

a Rohingya who said there were more camps in the area.

The coastal province is one of several known entry points used to smuggle Rohingya, who often flee Myanmar in overcrowded boats, into Thailand.

The discoveries have publicly shamed Thailand, which is

already under pressure from the United States and the European Union to crack down on human trafficking.

Last June, the U.S. downgraded Thailand and Malaysia to its lowest category—Tier 3—in an annual assessment of how governments handle human

trafficking. Thailand promised action to get off the blacklist, but its reputation suffered more following recent revelations by the AP that some Thai fishing vessels kept men from Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos on board as forced labor or slaves.

Thai authorities say they are in-

60 bodies recovered in Nepal valley hit by quake, mudslide

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Emergency workers have recovered the bodies of 60 people—including nine foreigners—who were killed when Nepal’s earthquake triggered a mudslide that buried a village in the scenic Langtang Valley popular with tourists.

Residents of the village, also called Langtang, said Tuesday that as many as 200 people could have been killed by tons of earth and mud unleashed in the devastating April 25 quake.

“The entire village was wiped out by the mudslide. There were

some 60 houses there, but they were all buried under rubble. It will be impossible to recover all the bodies,” said Gautam Rimal, the top government official in the Rasuwa district.

The Langtang Valley, about

60 kilometers (35 miles) north of Nepal’s capital, Kathmandu, is now about a two-day hike from the nearest town because the landslide has blocked nearby roads.

While helicopters allow easy access, they remain in short supply because of aid missions across parts of Nepal.

The April 25 earthquake killed more than 7,500 people and injured more than 14,000 as it flattened mountain villages and destroyed buildings and archaeological sites in Kathmandu.

Authorities say up to one-third of Kathmandu’s residents have left since the quake. In the first days, bus stations were jammed with people fearing aftershocks or trying to get home to relatives in devastated villages.

On Tuesday, there were still people waiting for buses to leave.

vestigating the complicity of police and local officials in the trafficking network, an alliance that human rights groups say has long fueled the smuggling industry.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha gave orders Tuesday for provincial officials at all levels “to scan every inch of their areas” for more detention camps, trafficking victims or signs of collusion with officials, and warned that “those who seek or receive benefits (from human trafficking) will be investigated and punished,” according to deputy government spokesman Maj. Gen. Sansern Kaewkamnerd.

Critics say the tough talk and a rush of arrests, VIP visits to the south and media tours to suspected trafficking camps are part of a dog-and-pony show that should not be mistaken for an actual crackdown. In an editorial Tuesday, The Nation newspaper said the government’s “pledge to combat human trafficking has been diverted into a public relations exercise.”

National police chief Gen. Somyot Poompanmoung ordered the transfer late Monday of more than 15 police and border patrol officers, including a senior commander in southern Thailand he said was suspected of close association with a prime trafficking suspect. They were moved to what Thailand calls “inactive posts” pending an investigation.

“I stayed back here to help out my neighbors and clean up the neighborhood,” said Surya Singh, who was at a large bus station. But now he wants to see the damage in his home village, although with many roads still blocked by landslides, he was unsure if he could get all the way by bus.

Kathmandu police say nearly 900,000 people have left in the past 10 days. The population of Kathmandu valley—including the city of Kathmandu and smaller towns of Lalitpur and Bhaktapur—is 2.5 million.

S I D E B A R

Climbers leave Everest after Sherpas refuse to rebuild route

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Climbers who stayed in villages close to the Everest base camp are packing their gear and leaving the mountain because Sherpa guides have refused to rebuild a climbing route destroyed by the earthquake-triggered avalanche, mountaineering officials said Tuesday.

The trend is expected to continue in 2015, in part thanks to the new poppy seeds, according to officials tasked with overseeing the eradication of poppy crops.

This upcoming harvest in late

spring is expected to surpass last year’s country-wide record of 7,800 metric tons (8,600 U.S. tons) by as much as 7 percent and 22 percent in Kandahar and Helmand provinces respectively, local officials said.

A handful of climbers still wanted to go ahead with their climbs, but without the route fixed over the Khumbu Icefall it was not possible.

Gyanendra Shrestha, an of-

ficial at Nepal’s Mountaineering Department, said some of the climbers had stayed in the mountain villages to help the Sherpas and their families who had their homes damaged by the April 25 earthquake.

The government has not formally canceled the climbing season and climbing permits are valid until the end of May, but the Sherpas have said they would not rebuild the climbing route because of safety and time reasons.

It would be the second con-

secutive year that the climbing season has been called off because of deaths on the world’s highest peak. The season was canceled last year after an avalanche killed 16 Sherpa guides.

Mountaineering teams have until the end of this month to climb the peak, but the route must be fixed before it is possible to attempt the climb. The Sherpas bring the ladders, ropes and equipment needed to clear the trail, but they feel the area is too dangerous and too little time is left before

warmer weather melts the ice and monsoon rains bring bad conditions.

Climbers and Sherpas attempting to scale the mountain’s northern side in Tibet have left already after Chinese authorities closed all climbing for the spring season.

The April 25 earthquake has already killed more than 7,500 people in Nepal, flattened mountain villages and destroyed buildings and archaeological sites in the capital, Kathmandu.

World

Moments from safety, migrants die trying to reach Europe

CATANIA, Sicily (AP)—Young men piled over each other, some shimmying up ropes dangling from the towering rescue ship and others falling into the churning sea. Women and children were the last off the stricken dinghy during a chaotic Mediterranean rescue in which at least five migrants were crushed to death and more were feared drowned.

Dramatic footage shot by a seaman aboard the Maltese freighter showed the weekend rescue of more than 100 West Africans aboard the flimsy boat off the coast of Libya. Survivors were brought Tuesday to the Sicilian port of Catania.

The video, obtained by The Associated Press, highlights the danger of marine rescue, where safety and tragedy too often lie just moments apart. With tens of thousands trying to cross the sea on small boats launched by human traffickers from Libya—and hundreds dying in the attempt—the



Dramatic footage emerged Tuesday May 5, 2015, filmed by a crew member, showing a Mediterranean Sea rescue of migrants on a sinking rubber boat desperately clambering up ropes and a ladder from the cargo ship Zeran that came to their aid on May 3, 2015, in the sea between Libya and Sicily. AP

question of how best to save migrants from drowning has taken center stage in Europe.

Crew members interviewed

by the AP said everyone aboard the cargo ship Zeran had undergone rescue training. But while a previous rescue several

weeks ago happened calmly without any loss of life, on Sunday elation at the prospect of being saved quickly turned to panic.

Unaware that they would be thrown a ladder, frantic migrants trampled over one another to reach the ropes that were meant to hold it in place, with some dangling precariously as they clambered along the lines to reach the tall freighter.

Some jumped or fell overboard to catch lifesavers tossed into the water by crew members. Others emptied jerry cans of gasoline to use as floats, as the

dinghy—already deflated at the front—began taking in water.

“Easy! Easy!” implored a crew member from Zeran’s deck.

“There was the big ship there and they threw down ropes,” Astou Fall Dia, a 24 year-old migrant from Senegal, told the AP after disembarking from the cargo ship.

“Someone grabbed onto the rope. All the other people started pushing to try to save themselves but the people started falling in the water.”

Dia said she survived because she stayed close to the

Nigerian troops who fled Boko Haram now have them on the run

YOLA, Nigeria (AP)—A year ago, a dozen Nigerian troops fighting about 200 Boko Haram militants in the town of Chibok exhausted their ammunition and ran, leaving the road open for the abduction of nearly 300 girls.

Today, Nigerian soldiers are rescuing hundreds of kidnapped girls and women from the last forest stronghold of the Islamic insurgents.

The reason for the unimaginably swift shift in fortunes?

In the last three months, military forces from neighboring Chad, Niger and Cameroon have joined the battle. In addition, Nigerian troops are finally receiving better arms and

weapons, as well as hazard pay that they had not received until this year.

As a result, Boko Haram’s supply lines are being cut off, creating conditions for the security forces to deliver a potential knockout blow to the extremists who have created havoc in northeastern Nigeria for years.

Nigeria’s military has announced that it has recaptured all major towns seized by the insurgents and that Boko Haram’s main fighting force is hemmed into the Sambisa Forest, where it is being pounded by air raids and attack helicopters. While the government forces are stronger, Boko Haram is growing weaker by the day.

Women rescued in recent days from forest camps said that now it is the insurgents who are running out of ammunition, along with food and fuel. That could explain why—when the captives refused to follow fleeing Boko Haram members last week—the militants did not shoot them. Instead, they stoned the girls and women, killing several of them.

Last year, Boko Haram fighters were able to escape across Nigeria’s borders to evade capture. Now, they are blocked by the troops from Chad, Niger and Cameroon. With Nigeria’s permission, Chad and Niger have even sent their forces inside Nigeria to pursue the extremists.

we’re making in this closing stage,” Cameron said.

“Lots of people are undecided and it’s those that we need to convince in the closing hours,” he said as he began a 36-hour journey across Britain.

The audience applauded, but Cameron was heckled by a Scottish man who said “I’m feeling racism from you guys in your party,” objecting to Tory claims about the threat posed by the separatist Scottish National Party.

Labour’s Ed Miliband said voters faced a choice “between a Labour government that will put working people first, or a Tory government that will only ever work for the privileged few.”

Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg said Cameron and Miliband were kidding them-

UK election hopefuls burn rubber in final campaign push

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Labour

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WORLD BRIEFS

Obama administration approves first ferry service to Cuba

HAVANA (AP)—The Obama administration approved the first ferry service in decades between the United States and Cuba on Tuesday, potentially opening a new path for the hundreds of thousands of people and hundreds of millions of dollars in goods that travel between Florida and Havana each year. Baja Ferries, which operates passenger service in Mexico, said it received a license from the U.S. Treasury Department. Robert Muse, a lawyer for Baja Ferries, said he believed other ferry service petitions had also been approved. The Treasury Department said it could not immediately confirm that, but the Sun-Sentinel newspaper in Florida said approvals also were received by Havana Ferry Partners of Fort Lauderdale, United Caribbean Lines Florida in the Orlando area and Airline Brokers Co. of Miami. Muse said Baja had yet to request approval from Cuba, but added that he was optimistic the service would allow a significant increase in

trade and travel between the two countries.

Ex-IRA man linked to 2005 slaying shot dead in Belfast

DUBLIN (AP)—A former Irish Republican Army commander linked to one of the outlawed group’s most notorious killings was shot dead at close range Tuesday morning on a street near his home in Belfast, residents and police said. No group claimed responsibility for killing Gerard “Jock” Davison, 47, in Belfast’s Markets neighborhood. It was the first fatal shooting in Northern Ireland in more than a year. Officers ordered an immediate increase in visible street patrolling, including road checkpoints, to deter what they called a rise in attacks by IRA die-hards in the run-up to Thursday’s United Kingdom general election involving Northern Ireland, which has 18 seats in the House of Commons in London. Small IRA factions who reject their side’s 1997 cease-fire and subsequent efforts to govern Northern Ireland in

a spirit of compromise have planted several bombs in the past two weeks, none of which caused significant damage.

11 dead after Mali separatists launch central region attack

BAMAKO, Mali (AP)—Members of a coalition of separatist groups attacked a town in central Mali on Tuesday, killing 11 people and moving violence farther south after a cease-fire was broken last week, a spokesman and the government said. Moussa Ag Attaher of the Coordination of Azawad Movements said that they attacked the town of Tenenkou in the central Mopti region. He said the violence was a reaction to the attack against the town of Menaka last week by groups allied with the government, which broke a cease-fire agreement. “The attack in Tenenkou is a consequence of the violation of the cease-fire in Menaka,” he said. “We want to show the Malian parties that we can also launch hostilities and we will mark our presence on all territories where we can.”

Environment

California regulators approve unprecedented water cutbacks

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California water regulators adopted sweeping, unprecedented restrictions Tuesday on how people, governments and businesses can use water amid the state's ongoing drought, hoping to push reluctant residents to deeper conservation.

The State Water Resources Control Board approved rules that force cities to limit watering on public property, encourage homeowners to let their lawns die and impose mandatory water-savings targets for the hundreds of local agencies and cities that supply water to California customers.

Gov. Jerry Brown sought the more stringent regulations, arguing that voluntary conservation efforts have so far not yielded the water savings needed amid a four-year drought. He ordered water agencies to cut urban water use by 25 percent from levels in 2013, the year before he declared a drought emergency.

"It is better to prepare now than face much more painful cuts should it not rain in the fall," board Chairwoman Felicia Marcus said Tuesday as the panel voted 5-0 to approve the new rules.

Although the rules are called mandatory, it's still unclear what punishment the state water board and local agencies will impose for those that don't meet the targets. Board officials said they expect dramatic water



In this July 9, 2014, file photo, a house is reflected in a puddle of water from an irrigated front yard in San Diego. Californians conserved little water in March and local officials were not aggressive in cracking down on waste, state regulators reported Tuesday, May 5, 2015 as they considered tough measures to force savings amid a continuing drought.

savings as soon as June and are willing to add restrictions and penalties for agencies that lag.

But the board lacks staff to oversee each of the hundreds of water agencies, which range dramatically in size and scope.

Most humpback whales could be removed from 'endangered' list

Most of the world's humpback whales could soon be removed from the endangered species list under a new plan from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the agency announced Monday.

Citing improved conservation efforts and population increases noted in a 2010 study, NOAA proposed splitting the world's humpback whale population into 14 distinct sections, and is expected to remove 12 of those population segments from the endangered list, the agency said in a statement.

Two of the 12 population segments that would be removed from both the endangered and threatened species lists generally travel near California, the agency said.

Species that are in danger of extinction are placed on the endangered list, which is administered by NOAA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Those likely to be endangered "in the foreseeable future" are placed on the threatened list.

"As we learn more about the species—and realize the populations are largely independent of each other—managing them separately allows us to focus protection on the

animals that need it the most," Eileen Sobeck, assistant administrator for NOAA Fisheries, said in a statement.

Population segments in the Arabian Sea and Northwest Africa will remain on the endangered species list. Two other population segments, based in Central America and the Western North Pacific, would be moved to the threatened species list.

The proposed changes will take effect in 90 days, pending public comment.

Some humpbacks generally migrate along the West Coast between December and April, traversing a near 4,000-mile journey from Alaska to Hawaii. Another population segment that can typically be found along the coast spends the winter months near Central America and Mexico before returning to the California coast.

Aside from commercial whaling, which first caused the species to be placed on the endangered list in the 1970s, humpbacks have also seen their population dwindle due to ship strikes and entanglement in equipment from fisheries, according to NOAA. (Los Angeles Times)

Some local agencies that are tasked with achieving savings do not have the resources to issue tickets to those who waste water, and many others have chosen not to do so.

Despite the dire warnings, it's also still not clear that Californians have grasped the seriousness of the drought or the need for conservation. Data released by the board Tuesday showed that Californians conserved little water in March, and local officials were not aggressive in

cracking down on waste.

A survey of local water departments showed water use fell less than 4 percent in March compared with the same month in 2013. Overall savings have been only about 9 percent since last summer.

Under the new rules, each city is ordered to cut water use by as much as 36 percent compared with 2013. Some local water departments have called the proposal unrealistic and unfair, arguing that achieving steep

cuts could cause higher water bills and declining property values, and dissuade projects to develop drought-proof water technology such as desalination and sewage recycling.

Representatives of San Diego-area water agencies have been especially critical of the water targets, noting that the region has slashed consumption and agencies have spent \$3.5 billion to prepare for dry periods after facing severe cuts in earlier droughts.

1 in 6 species could be wiped out by climate change, study says

By KAREN KAPLAN
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About one in six species now alive on the planet could become extinct as a result of climate change, according to a study published in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*.

If present trends continue, the Earth's temperature will wind up 4.3 degrees Celsius higher than it was before the onset of the industrial era. Should that scenario come to pass, as many as 16 percent of species around the world would be at risk of dying out, the study says.

Author Mark Urban, an ecologist and evolutionary biologist at the University of Connecticut, based his calculation on a meta-analysis of 131 previous studies that made predictions about how multiple species would fare in a warmer world.

Although the studies focused on different species in different parts of the world and used different modeling techniques to make their forecasts, Urban's

statistical methods found that none of those variables mattered as much as "the level of future climate change."

For instance, the current risk of global extinction is 2.8 percent, Urban wrote. But the hotter the Earth gets, the more that risk rises.

If the world is somehow able to stick to its target of making sure temperatures rise only 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, the global extinction risk would rise to 5.2 percent.

In the more realistic scenario that the Earth warms by 3 degrees Celsius, an estimated 8.5 percent of species would be projected to become extinct.

And if things continue the way they are, the global extinction risk would nearly double, to 16 percent, Urban wrote. That's one out of every six species gone.

The average of all the scenarios is that 7.9 percent of species will become extinct as a direct result of climate change, ac-

cording to the study.

The extinction risk isn't the same in all areas of the globe,

Urban found. It appears to be lowest in North America, where about 5 percent of species are likely to disappear. (That figure could be higher or lower depending on how much temperatures rise.) Europe is a close second, with 6 percent of species at risk.

At the other end of the spectrum, South America could lose 23 percent of its species. That continent is particularly vulnerable because it has a lot of creatures that live in small ranges.

If changing climate conditions make their homes uninhabitable, there's nowhere for them to go where they can find equivalent conditions.

In Australia and New Zealand, as many as 14 percent of species could disappear, Urban wrote. As in South America, the animals that live Down Under have the misfortune of inhabiting niche environments with no ready alternatives. The fact that

"San Diego has lived the horror of what the state is going through right now," Mark Weston, the board chairman of the San Diego County Water Authority, told state regulators Tuesday.

After a 10-hour hearing that included more than 5 hours of public testimony, the water board again on Tuesday rejected calls to create easier targets for communities in drier areas or for cities that have been conserving since before the drought.

An economic analysis of the water board's proposal commissioned by the board estimated that private water utilities and local water departments would lose a total of about \$1 billion in revenue through lost water sales if they meet the board's targets, meaning they are likely to raise prices to make up the difference.

Residents and businesses use less than a fifth of the water withdrawn from the state's surface and groundwater supplies. Farms in the state's agricultural heartland have had deliveries from government reservoir systems slashed and some have been ordered to stop diverting water that is normally available to them from streams and rivers.

Brown said last week he would push for legislation boosting authorizing fines of up to \$10,000 for extreme wasters of water, but he needs legislative approval to do so, and no bill has been introduced. Another tool—tiered pricing, in which the price rises as water use goes up—is in question after a court struck down water rates designed to encourage conservation in San Juan Capistrano in Orange County.

they live on islands further limits their ability to seek comfort by moving into new ranges.

The analysis also revealed that the faster Earth's temperature rises, the more species will die out as a result. If temperatures rise more gradually, animals will have more time to adapt—and better odds for success.

"Extinction risks from climate change are expected not only to increase but to accelerate for every degree rise in global temperatures," Urban wrote. "The signal of climate change-induced extinctions will become increasingly apparent if we do not act now to limit future climate change."

Urban noted that the species that go extinct aren't the only ones that will be forced to reckon with climate change.

"Even species not threatened directly by extinction could experience substantial changes in abundances, distributions, and species interactions," he wrote. That "could affect ecosystems and their services to humans."

Life & Style

Challenged by 'Going Clear,' another test awaits

T NEW YORK (AP)—When Janine Garofalo asked Brad Bird, the director of “Mission: Impossible—Ghost Protocol,” about Tom Cruise at a recent Tribeca Film Festival event, she peppered Bird with allusions to the Scientology documentary “Going Clear.” Bird called it “a very inside reference,” but Garofalo quickly disagreed.

“Not anymore,” she said. “That documentary ... wooh! ‘Going Clear,’ we could talk about that all day!”

That’s probably not what Tom Cruise or the makers of the next “Mission: Impossible” film, “Rogue Nation,” want to hear. “Going Clear: Scientology and the Prison of Belief,” Alex Gibney’s documentary based on the book by the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Lawrence Wright, was a revelation to many and a certain challenge to Cruise, who in recent years has quieted his public advocacy for Scientology.

The film and book did more than anything before to expose the secretive organization and detail some troubling claims involving Cruise, Scientology’s most famous face. Cruise has yet to say anything publicly about “Going Clear,” a silence that may be difficult to maintain, given the high-profile demands of promoting a summer blockbuster hoping to make some \$700 million worldwide.

Cruise’s stardom has long had a Teflon indestructability,

having survived one of the most notorious of public-relations disasters in 2005 when he ditched his longtime publicist for his sister, Lee Anne DeVette, a Scientologist; dramatically wooed his eventual third wife, Katie Holmes; and jumped on Oprah Winfrey’s couch.

Ten years later, a documentary may be a seemingly small threat to a global star who has already weathered media storms over his Scientology beliefs. Or “Going Clear” could persist as an acute challenge to Cruise at a time when his box-office clout may be waning and in a media age where privacy seldom lasts.

The impact of “Going Clear” has also been unusually large. When it aired on HBO on March 29, shortly after premiering in theaters, it became a trending topic on Twitter. Critics called it a “powder-keg” and a “scorching takedown of Scientology.”

Wright and Gibney insist Scientologists are free to believe what they want, but maintain the church should be held accountable for what they claim is frequently abusive treatment. The filmmakers have pressed for change in either Scientology’s tax-exempt status or through its influential celebrity figureheads: Cruise and John Travolta.

“There aren’t very many alternatives and law enforcement agencies are stymied,” says Wright. “What’s left is for journalists to call attention to what’s going on and at least inform people. We certainly are singling out some celebrities because they bear a moral re-

Tom Cruise



AP
In this April 21, 2015 file photo, Tom Cruise, star of the upcoming film “Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation,” makes an appearance at the Paramount Pictures presentation at CinemaCon 2015 in Las Vegas.

the testimony of “bitter, vengeful apostates.”

When the trailer for “Rogue Nation” debuted in late March, concerns about Scientology took a back seat to Cruise’s movie stunt prowess. The clip, which has already been watched by more than 7 million on YouTube, featured the remarkable sight of Cruise hanging off the side of an airplane at liftoff—a stunt Cruise performed himself.

Few theater owners at their annual CinemaCon convention in Las Vegas, where Cruise previewed the film, appeared concerned about his drawing power.

“As long as he makes a good film, people are going to come watch it,” said Morris Schulman, president of Texas’ Schulman Theaters Inc. “‘Mission: Impossible’ is a great franchise and we’re excited to have it this summer. Hanging on that plane? That’s pretty spectacular. That’s cool.”

But some believe Cruise is facing a crossroads. Jeetendr Sehdev, a marketing professor at the University of Southern California and a celebrity branding expert, says people feel increasingly uneasy about Cruise

sponsibility and we’re making certain that they have to recognize that.”

Travolta reacted in an April interview while promoting his latest film, “The Forger.” He told The Tampa Bay Times that he wouldn’t watch a documentary “so decidedly negative” when his decades as a Scientologist have been “nothing but brilliant for me.”

“I haven’t experienced any-

thing that the hearsay has (claimed), so why would I communicate something that wasn’t true for me?” Travolta told the paper. “It wouldn’t make sense, nor would it for Tom, I imagine.”

Cruise’s representative did not respond to requests for comment for this article. The Church of Scientology has called the documentary “a one-sided false diatribe” reliant on

parts involve Schwarzenegger weighing his options with various friends. The horrifying reality is that death is really the only solution. The “how” is the question.

And yet, for as fascinating as the conceit is (and as lean as the movie is), the deep emotions at play don’t really hit as well as they should. Part of the problem is the distracting look of the film. “Maggie” appears as though it was shot through a variety of Instagram filters—a dusty grey for the exteriors, and a warm, oversaturated orange for the interiors. Also, even at a brisk 95 minutes, the runtime feels like a stretch.

Maybe Hobson—a title designer in his feature debut—wasn’t going for tearjerker, though.

“Maggie,” ultimately, is a fascinating experiment in genre that has captured a side of Schwarzenegger that the movies have not seen before—an impressive, exciting and worthy accomplishment in and of itself.

Some of the more affecting

Schwarzenegger surprises in zombie drama ‘Maggie’

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP FILM WRITER

Would you stand by your child if she was slowly dying of a gruesome and highly contagious illness? That’s the central question that Arnold Schwarzenegger has to face in “Maggie,” a terminal illness drama where the malady at hand involves morphing into a member of the flesh-eating undead.

Director Henry Hobson’s film imagines a world devastated by zombies—although no one ever says that word. Instead of turning to genre conventions, though, “Maggie” stays small, intimate, and fascinatingly realistic.

Set in a small Midwestern town, society is still tenuously functioning amid the breakout. Hospitals diagnose the afflicted and set terms for mandatory quarantines before the diseased turn truly dangerous. The police, also, are there to enforce. Other institutions, though, are all but abandoned.

Gas stations are empty and electricity is unreliable.

For many, life continues as normally as possible. There are no rogue bands of hostile survivalists competing over bunkers and land and no massive zombie armies attacking. “Maggie” is zombie tale that is more interested in the microcosm—the effects of the virus on the family unit and the community, not the shocks and thrills of an all-out war.

If this seems like a surprising choice for Schwarzenegger, it is. Even more surprising? He’s pretty great.

The heart of the movie is the relationship between Wade (Schwarzenegger) and his teenage daughter Maggie (Abigail Breslin). She’s infected and missing when the film starts, but Wade searches for two weeks to find her and bring her back to the country home that he shares with his new wife (Joely Richardson) and their young children.

There, Wade waits for Mag-

gie to transform, trying to spend as much time with her as possible in the interim. Maggie, in turn, fluctuates between all the emotions of dealing with a life cut too short—and her fatal, itchy and grotesque wound.

There are a few jump scares and horror movie elements that help to break up the melodrama. Maggie’s carefully designed physical transformation is punctuated by frightening visions of what’s to come—even if it’s unclear whether they’re nightmares or symptoms.

Still, everything is restrained. Schwarzenegger’s Wade only resorts to violence when protecting Maggie, and even those moments seem to be done reluctantly. His despair is evident in his physicality and his eyes throughout.

Many of the scenes take place around the dinner table—some tense, some funny, but all with the heavy fear of the inevitable hanging over every moment.

Some of the more affecting

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Singer Chris Brown’s battery charge in Las Vegas dropped

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A battery charge against singer Chris Brown in Las Vegas has been dropped. Las Vegas police said Tuesday that the man who claimed the star had punched him during a basketball game is dropping out of the criminal case. Las Vegas police said Brown, 25, was suspected of beating a man who was found at the Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center early Monday. The man said he was playing basketball at the Palms Casino Resort when he got into a verbal argument on the court with the singer. He claimed Brown punched him and, as he was preparing to defend himself, another person with the singer also hit him. Authorities had given Brown the option to sign off on a misdemeanor battery citation after failing to locate him.

Bono and U2 set as sole guests on Friday’s ‘Tonight Show’

NEW YORK (AP) — New Yorkers have been running into Bono and his band, U2, all over town the past few days. The group has been taping music and comedy bits to include in their Friday appearance on NBC’s “Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon,” where they’ll be the only guests. Lucky subway riders at Grand Central Terminal found the band on a train platform Monday performing “Angel of Harlem.” Elsewhere, Bono and Fallon were seen riding bikes in preparation for a comedy bit spoofing Bono’s all-too-real bicycle crash in New York’s Central Park a few months ago, which resulted in injuries that forced the band to cancel its scheduled weeklong “Tonight” engagement. The band’s world tour starts in Vancouver on May 14.

and that his kind of “contrived celebrity” is outdated.

“The documentary is going to have an impact on ‘Mission: Impossible’ when it comes out,” says Sehdev. “Secrets in Hollywood are really no longer sexy. Audiences are looking for transparency and authenticity in their celebrities more than ever before.”

“Mission: Impossible—Rogue Nation,” which reunites Cruise with Christopher McQuarrie (director of “Jack Reacher” and screenwriter of “Valkerie” and “Edge of Tomorrow”), comes on the heels of several underperforming releases from the 52-year-old actor. His last three films—“Jack Reacher,” “Oblivion” and “Edge of Tomorrow”—have failed to crack \$100 million at the North American box office.

While Sehdev believes it’s imperative for Cruise to address “Going Clear” and to refashion his image for media-savvy millennials, Amy Nicholson, film critic for LA Weekly and author of “Tom Cruise: Anatomy of an Actor,” thinks “it’s unfair that we obsess over this religion and this church when he obviously believes it very much.”

Instead, Nicholson says Cruise needs a makeover not in public relations, but movies.

“I get frustrated with the last decade of his career,” she says. “He’s not doing ‘The Color of Money’ anymore; he’s doing the ‘Mission: Impossibles.’ I think he feels sort of cornered. He needs to prove that he’s the biggest box-office star in the world again before he goes back to acting.”

Van Gogh work fetches over \$66 million at New York auction

NEW YORK (AP)—A painting Vincent van Gogh created while briefly working side by side with his friend Paul Gauguin in the south of France brought in \$66.3 million at auction Tuesday.

"The Allee of Alyscamps" was offered at Sotheby's impressionist and modern art sale. The autumnal scene was painted in 1888 during a two-month period when van Gogh and Gauguin worked together in Arles, France.

The painting, which had a presale estimate of more than \$40 million, was sold to an Asian private collector, Sotheby's said. The auction record for a van Gogh, who died in 1890, is \$82.5 million.

Van Gogh expert Clifford Ed-

wards, a professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, said, "To have a canvas from Arles by that very self-taught artist at the height of his work marks the sale as momentous."

The sale also featured six paintings spanning four decades of Claude Monet's career. The highlight was "Water Lilies," a 1905 version of his beloved pond and gardens at his home in Giverny, France. It fetched \$54 million, topping its high presale estimate of \$45 million.

Monet's 1908 painting of Venice with a view of the Palazzo Ducale on the Grand Canal fetched more than \$23 million. It was confiscated by the Nazis from the noted collector Jakob Goldschmidt and was reclaimed with their child.

Sotheby's also offered works from two prominent single-owner collections.

There were two works from Hollywood film moguls Samuel Goldwyn and his son.

"Woman With a Chignon in an Armchair," a portrait of Pablo Picasso's lover Francoise Gilot, sold for \$29.9 million, almost doubling its high presale estimate of \$18 million. It depicts her in an embroidered jacket Picasso bought for her in Poland while she was pregnant with their child.

Henri Matisse's "Anemones

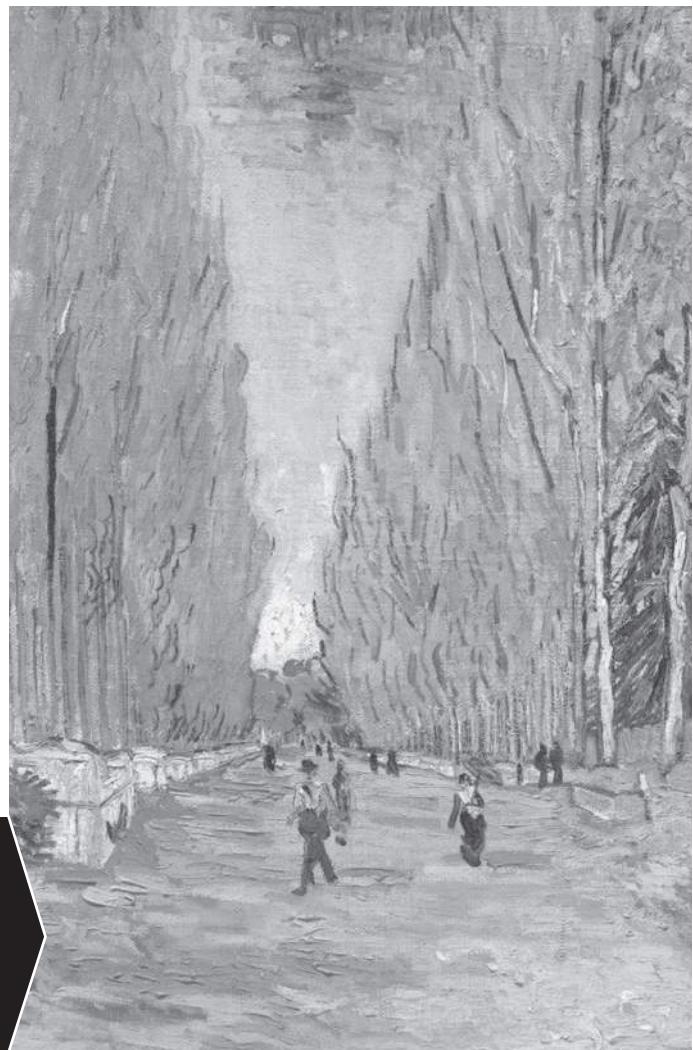
and Pomegranates" was purchased by the elder Goldwyn two years after it was painted in 1948. It sold for more than \$6 million, in line with its presale estimate.

About two dozen other works from the collection will be offered in a series of sales later in May, June and October.

Samuel Goldwyn Jr. died in January; his father died in 1974.

The other collection on Tuesday belonged to Jerome Stone, a Chicago businessman and founder of the Alzheimer's Association, who died in January. It included Fernand Leger's "The Blue Wheel, Definitive State," with a pre-sale estimate of up to \$12 million. It fetched \$10.5 million. Other artists in the collection included Joan Miro, Marc Chagall and Alberto Giacometti.

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This undated photo provided by Sotheby's shows the Vincent van Gogh painting, "The Allee of Alyscamps" that the auction house predicts will fetch more than \$40 million when it is auctioned in New York on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.



Foxx says anthem performance was not 'a sin against America'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jamie Foxx is defending his national anthem performance at

the Floyd Mayweather-Manny Pacquiao fight against online criticism.



AP
In this May 2, 2015 file photo, actor Jamie Foxx sings the national anthem before the start of the world welterweight championship bout between Floyd Mayweather Jr., and Manny Pacquiao in Las Vegas.

On "Entertainment Tonight" Tuesday, Foxx says that his earpiece fell off just before he started to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner." He said he had to follow the accompanying organ music through arena speakers at Saturday's fight in Las Vegas.

Despite that, he got an enthusiastic response from the crowd and individual compliments from Denzel Washington and others, Foxx said.

When he learned that online posts were taking him to task, Foxx said he listened to a playback and realized the song was a bit off. But Foxx said he hadn't committed, in his words, "a sin against America" and said the anthem sounded "great" in the arena.

Posts that questioned if he could sing went too far, Foxx said.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Five paintings missing since World War II are being returned to collections in Germany at the behest of the heirs of their American acquirers.

The paintings, including three won by an American GI in a poker game, were turned over to the German government Tuesday. Their return was organized by the State Department and the Monuments Men Foundation, which promotes the work of those who protected cultural works during the war and seeks to track down and repatriate objects that went missing.

The three paintings won by the GI in the poker game, stored in a potassium mine for

safekeeping during the war and then mailed home to his wife, are from an art gallery in the central German city of Dessau. They are works by the Flemish Baroque painter Frans Francken III, the German painter Christian Wilhelm Ernst Dietrich and Austrian artist Franz de Paula Ferg, according to the foundation.

The other two—a painting of Queen Victoria and her eldest daughter, Victoria, who married German Emperor Frederick III, and a painting of Charles I—had been in a castle near Frankfurt that was confiscated by the U.S. military in 1945 and turned into an officers' club. They were purchased by an American woman

who was serving in Germany as a librarian in the U.S. Special Services after the war, said the foundation.

The paintings are among hundreds of thousands of cultural items missing since the end of the war that the Monuments Men Foundation hopes to help recover and return to their rightful owners. The heirs of the GI and the librarian contacted the foundation last year amid publicity surrounding the release of the George Clooney film "Monuments Men," an adaptation of the book by the same name that memorializes the team of museum directors, curators and educators deployed to prevent the destruction of historic treasures during WWII.

Cancer diagnosis is unlikely to thaw grandmother's heart

DEAR ABBY: I recently found out my grandmother has been diagnosed with lung cancer and has elected not to treat it. The doctors give her a year at the most. My dilemma is whether to extend just one more olive branch.

She has never been a "warm and fuzzy" type of grandmother. She was cold and distant when I was in my teens and 20s, and downright mean when I was in my 30s. If I try to talk to her at family functions, she turns away and begins a conversation with someone else, not even acknowledging that I'm standing there. Last year at a family reunion, she took several photos with my mom and sister, and when it was suggested I join them in the photo, she walked away before one could be snapped. I'm not the only family member or grandchild she behaves this way toward. None of us knows why.

Do I try one more time, suspecting the diagnosis hasn't softened her heart and that I'll again end up with hurt feelings? Or do I assume that nothing I do now will change who she is and that I will have no positive, happy memories of her?

INVISIBLE IN KANSAS

DEAR INVISIBLE: Frankly, the chances of your grandmother transforming into someone warm and accepting don't look promising because she appears to be a punitive and un-

happy person. However, if you feel you might have regrets if you don't try once more to connect with her, then make the effort so that when she dies, you'll know you did everything you could. Don't do it for her; do it for yourself.

DEAR ABBY: Ever since I was young, which was not that long ago, I have known my parents' marriage wasn't a healthy one. But only recently has it begun to affect me emotionally. It isn't that I blame myself, but that I'm afraid of how my own romantic endeavors will fare.

Recently, I was told about my mother's infidelity. I was always curious and suspected that one or both of them had affairs. But now more than before, I worry about finding love. Love is something we all seek, and I believe we all need, but I don't see myself as able to handle that kind of heartbreak.

I understand why Mom did it—that's part of what hurts me. I'm angry that they would masquerade a failure "for me," that failure being their "relationship." I think my anger is valid. My family has screwed me up emotionally and it started long before I knew what was going on. What should I do?

SCREWED UP IN OREGON

DEAR SCREWED UP: When children are raised in a

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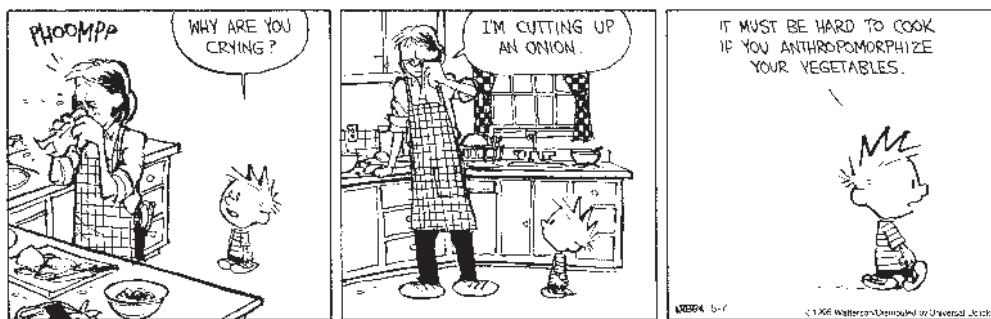
household where the parents' words and actions are different, they cope either by believing only what they are told (even if it contradicts what they see happening) or only what they see. While it can interfere with forming healthy relationships later in life, it's the way they keep themselves sane.

You are right to be concerned, and I hope you will discuss this with a licensed counselor or therapist because if you do, you will find it helpful.

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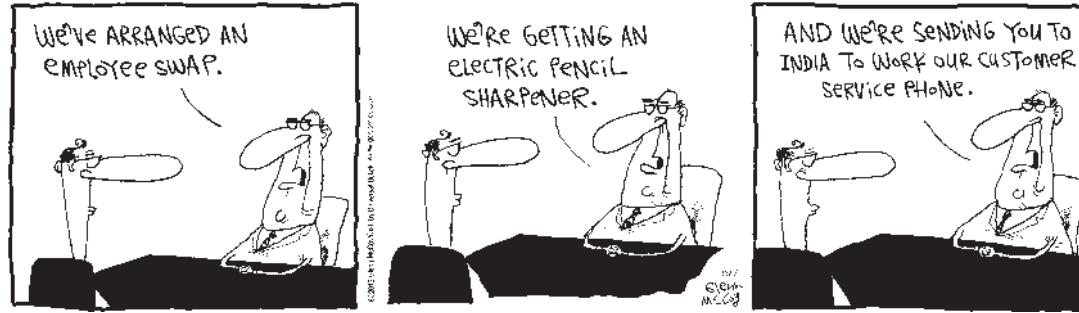
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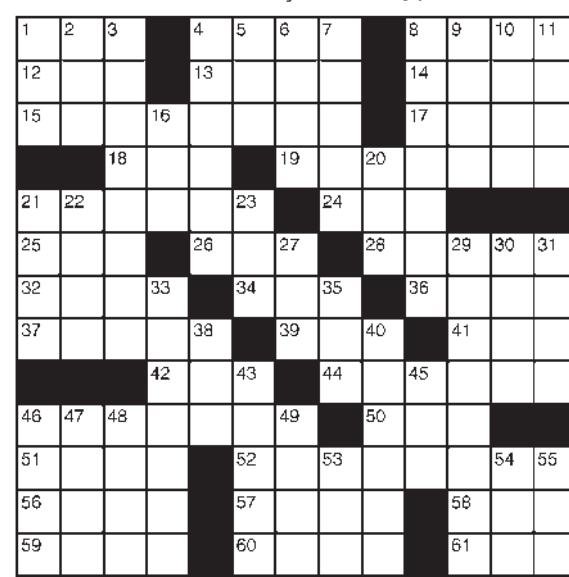
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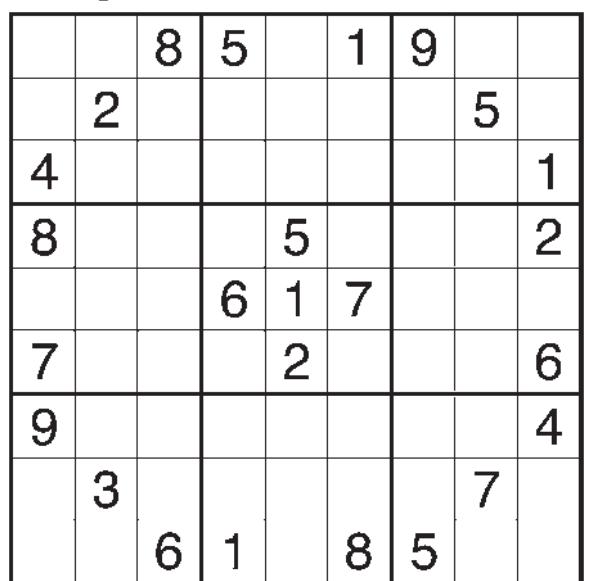
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Conley comes back, leads Grizzlies past Warriors



OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—The masked man came to the rescue for the Memphis Grizzlies.

Mike Conley returned just eight days after having facial surgery to score 22 points, and the Grizzlies used a smothering defensive effort to beat the Golden State Warriors 97-90 on Tuesday night, evening the Western Conference semifinals 1-1.

"It felt like I played 50 minutes," Conley, who played 27 minutes, said with a weary grin after the game. "I was a liability on defense there for a while, but my teammates lifted me up."

Wearing a clear mask to protect his swollen face and red left eye, Conley stole the spotlight from newly minted MVP Stephen Curry. He made his first four shots to get the Grizzlies going, and his teammates did the rest on defense.

Zach Randolph had 20 points and seven rebounds, and Marc Gasol and Courtney Lee scored 15 points each to help Memphis end Golden State's 21-game home-winning streak. The Warriors dropped to 42-3 this season at rowdy Oracle Arena, losing for the first time at home in more than three months and for the first time this postseason.

Game 3 is Saturday in Memphis.

When the Warriors started to rally in the closing minutes, Conley came through again. He made a 3-pointer to give the Grizzlies a 90-80 lead with 2:11 left, silencing the sea of golden yellow shirts for good.

During one timeout, the TNT broadcast caught teammate Tony Allen calling Conley



Memphis Grizzlies guard Courtney Lee, center, is defended by Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green (23), guard Klay Thompson, second from left, and guard Shaun Livingston (34) during the first half of Game 2 in a second-round NBA playoff basketball series in Oakland, Calif., Tuesday, May 5, 2015. (AP Photo/Ben Margot)

"One-Eyed Charlie." Conley, who had three assists, cramped up and went to the bench briefly, but by that point, his job had been done.

Curry collected 19 points, six assists and five rebounds but had little help from backcourt teammate Klay Thompson, who was smothered by Allen's aggressive play. The Warriors had 20 turnovers and shot just 41.9 percent, including 23.1 percent from 3-point range. The Grizzlies had 13 steals.

"I thought we lost our poise tonight. We were in such a rush," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said.

Golden State had not lost at home since a 113-111 overtime

defeat to Chicago on Jan. 27. The only other home loss came to San Antonio on Nov. 11.

The Warriors had won their first five games in these playoffs, including a sweep of New Orleans in the opening round, and were riding the good vibes of Curry's crown.

Curry received the MVP trophy from NBA Commissioner Adam Silver during an on-court ceremony just before tipoff, and fans serenaded Curry with chants of "M-V-P!"

Once the game began, the other point guard drowned out those cheers.

Conley started after missing the last three games recovering from surgery to repair broken

bones in his face. He had been concerned about his mask fogging up, but he looked comfortable and in control.

Conley avoided serious contact until the second quarter, when Draymond Green hit him in the face trying to grab the ball as the point guard lay on the court signaling for a timeout. Conley winced in pain before getting up, and some Grizzlies shouted at Green as the teams headed to their benches.

Officials reviewed the play and ruled there was no excessive contact. Grizzlies coach Dave Joerger said simply, "stuff happens."

"I got hit a couple times, (then) I knew what it felt like and

I played through it," Conley said.

Memphis rallied behind its banged-up floor leader, scoring the final nine points of the half to take a 50-39 lead. It was only the second time this season the Warriors were held under 40 points in the first half.

Hawks 106, Wizards 90

In Atlanta, shortly before tipoff, the Atlanta Hawks learned that John Wall wouldn't be playing for the Washington Wizards in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

That should have made things a lot easier for top-seeded Atlanta, right?

Hardly.

Taken to the limit again, the Hawks finally pulled away for a 106-90 victory over the Wizards on Tuesday night that was much closer than the score indicated and evened the series at one game apiece.

DeMarre Carroll scored 22 points, Kyle Korver bounced back from a miserable first half, and Al Horford made some huge plays when the Hawks needed them most.

"We knew this was a game we had to win," Carroll said. "It was kind of a funky game."

Having already been stunned at home in Game 1, Atlanta seemingly caught a huge break when the Wizards announced just before the game that Wall wouldn't play because of an injured left hand. Actually, though, it seemed to work in Washington's favor.

The road team again played with plenty of confidence. The Hawks, it seemed, relaxed just a bit.

"It's dangerous, man," Atlanta's Kent Bazemore said. "Oh, their best player is not playing, so they don't have a chance. ... But they still have a very dangerous team."

Ramon Sessions did an admirable job filling in for Wall,

leading the Wizards with 21 points.

It wasn't enough to prevent Washington's first loss of these playoffs.

"Just try to push the team, just like John does," Sessions said. "It wasn't just me. Everybody tried to step up."

After Washington closed to 84-81, Horford dropped in a layup, knocked down a 19-foot jumper and came up with a steal. Then there was Korver, who went 1-for-7 from behind the 3-point line in the first half but kept firing away. He made three 3s after the break, including one from the corner with just under 3 minutes remaining that gave the Hawks a 98-88 lead, stifling Washington's last spurt—a 3-pointer from Paul Pierce, followed Bradley Beal's long jumper with his foot on the stripe.

Atlanta closed the game on an 11-2 run.

"Man, I had some good looks in the first half," Korver said. "You've just got to stay with it. You can't stop shooting."

Washington won its first five playoff games, sweeping Toronto before shocking the Hawks 104-98 to start the second round.

Now the series shifts to Washington, but the teams are off for three days before Game 3 on Saturday.

For Carroll, it was his sixth straight game with at least 20 points, giving Atlanta another much-needed offensive lift from its defensive stopper. Horford and Paul Millsap had 18 points apiece, with Millsap also grabbing 11 rebounds. Korver finished with 12 points—all from beyond the arc—and Bazemore added 10.

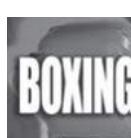
Beal, playing on a sprained right ankle, had 20 points and seven assists. Pierce and Otto Porter both chipped in with 15 points.

Following the pattern of Game 1, the Hawks built an early 10-point lead but couldn't put away the Wizards.

Washington was down 53-46 at halftime, briefly tied the game in the third period, and trailed 80-75 going to the final quarter. Wall cheered on every basket from the bench, hoping the Wizards could pull off an improbable victory without their dynamic star.

They couldn't quite finish the job, but the next two games are at home.

Suit filed against Pacquiao for not disclosing injury



LAS VEGAS (AP)

Manny Pacquiao and his handlers have been hit with a lawsuit asking for damages for anyone who paid to watch his fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr. because he failed to disclose his shoulder was injured.

The suit was filed Tuesday in federal court in Las Vegas on behalf of two plaintiffs, identified as Staphane Vanel and Kami Rahbaran.

It alleges that the two were defrauded after paying to watch the fight, and seeks class action status on behalf of anyone who bought tickets, pay-per-view or bet on the fight.

The suit comes as Nevada boxing regulators are looking into possible disciplinary action against Pacquiao for failing to disclose the injury suffered in training for the fight. Pacquiao, who would go on to lose a unanimous decision, is expected to undergo surgery this week for a rotator cuff tear. In particular, members of the

Nevada Athletic Commission want to know why Pacquiao checked "no" when filling out a state form the day before the fight that asked whether he had a shoulder injury.

"Our job is to protect the health and safety of fighters and the integrity of the sport," commission chairman Francisco Aguilar said. "We expect our fighters to be forthright."

Pacquiao's promoter, Bob Arum, said earlier the injury suffered four weeks before the fight appeared to have sufficiently healed, but Pacquiao's handlers still unsuccessfully sought to get a pain-killing shot in the shoulder in the dressing room before the fight.

Pacquiao said he reinjured the shoulder in the fourth round when he landed his best punches of the night against Mayweather.

Meanwhile, Mayweather said in a text to ESPN personality Stephen A. Smith that he would welcome a rematch with Pacquiao.

"I will fight him in a year after his surgery," the text read.



In this May 2, 2015 photo, Manny Pacquiao answers questions during a press conference following his welterweight title fight against Floyd Mayweather Jr. in Las Vegas. AP

Teixeira homers, Pineda pitches Yankees past Blue Jays



TORONTO
(AP)—Mark Teixeira hit a two-run homer, Michael

Pineda matched his career high with eight shutout innings and the New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-3 on Tuesday night.

Jacoby Ellsbury had three hits, stole two bases and scored twice as the AL East leaders improved to 11-4 away from home, the best road record in the league. Alex Rodriguez hit an early two-run double.

New York has gone 14-4 since a 3-6 start.

Pineda (4-0) allowed five hits and struck out six to win his fourth straight road start, a streak that began in Boston last September. The right-hander has road wins over all four division opponents in that span.

Andrew Miller got one out for his 11th save, stranding runners at first and second.

Teixeira's 373rd home run tied teammate Carlos Beltran for fourth-most by a switch-hitter.

Marco Estrada (1-1) yielded five runs, four earned, over 4 2-3 innings in his first start of the season.

Red Sox 2, Rays 0

In Boston, Mookie Betts homered to lead off the sixth inning—the first hit off Rays starter Drew Smyly—and added another in the eighth to lead Boston over Tampa Bay.

On the night the Red Sox honored their 1975 AL championship team, Betts hit two solo shots over the Green Monster that Carlton Fisk cleared in the World Series 40 years ago. It was Betts' first career multihomer game.

The Red Sox had lost four straight and nine of 12 to fall into last place in the AL East.

Rick Porcello (3-2) pitched seven innings and scattered eight hits. Koji Uehara earned his fifth save.

Smyly (0-1) left trailing 1-0 despite allowing only two hits.

Mets 3, Orioles 2

In New York, Bartolo Colon became the first pitcher in at least 100 years to beat the same opponent with seven different teams, stopping Baltimore once again and leading the New York Mets past the Orioles.

Colon (5-1) took a shutout into the eighth inning before Manny Machado hit a solo home run. The Mets won after getting blanked 1-0 in their previous two games.

New York ended its scoreless streak at 21 innings when Daniel Murphy hit an RBI single in a three-run fourth, and won for just the second time in seven games. Kevin Plawecki had a two-run double off Bud Norris (1-3).

Baltimore began its weeklong visit to Citi Field and Yankee Stadium with its second loss in seven games. The Orioles have lost seven in a row to the Mets overall.

Three weeks shy of his 42nd birthday, Colon struck out nine and walked none in 7 2-3 innings. Jeurys Familia closed for his major league-leading 11th save in as many chances, giving up Chris Davis' sixth homer on his first pitch.

Colon improved to 13-8 vs. the Orioles. He first beat them in 1999.

Reds 7, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Marlon Byrd homered



snapped its four-game skid with a victory over Seattle.

Erick Aybar and Johnny Giavotella delivered RBI singles off Danny Farquhar to tie it in the eighth for the Angels, who had blown a one-run lead in the top of the inning.

Perez, a 24-year-old catcher from Venezuela, singled in his first career at-bat. He swung at the first pitch in the ninth from Dominic Leone (0-3) and became the first player to hit a walk-off homer in his debut since Miguel Cabrera did it for the Marlins on June 20, 2003.

Albert Pujols hit his 525th career homer for the Angels, who got seven innings of five-hit ball from Garrett Richards. Huston Street (1-0) pitched a perfect ninth.

Mike Zunino drove in two runs for the Mariners, who have lost five of six.

Cardinals 7, Cubs 4

In St. Louis, pinch-hitter Mark Reynolds doubled off the center-field wall to snap a tie in the sixth inning, and St. Louis rallied from three runs down to beat Chicago for its eighth straight victory.

Matt Carpenter tied the game with a three-run homer off Cubs starter Kyle Hendricks in the fifth and finished with four RBIs. Kolten Wong added an RBI in the seventh on an infield single, his third hit of the night.

Mitch Harris (1-0), a 29-year-old rookie and former Navy lieutenant, worked a scoreless sixth for his first career victory. Trevor Rosenthal earned his ninth save in 10 chances.

The Cardinals' major league-best 20-6 start is a franchise best since 1900.

Edwin Jackson (1-1) took the loss. Anthony Rizzo had three hits but grounded out with the bases loaded against Miguel Socolovich to end the eighth. The Cubs have lost a season-worst four straight.

Dodgers 8, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Zack Greinke allowed an unearned run and two hits in 7 2-3 innings to win his career-best 10th consecutive decision, and Justin Turner hit a three-run homer to lead Los Angeles over Milwaukee.

Greinke (5-0), who has not lost in 14 starts since Aug. 9 at Milwaukee, won for the fourth time this season following a Dodgers loss. He allowed two singles, striking out seven with one walk to improve to 16-2 at Miller Park, where he pitched for the Brewers in 2011 and half of 2012.

Turner connected in the sixth off Matt Garza (2-4). Adrian Gonzalez and Jimmy Rollins each added a two-run homer.

The Brewers, who had won a season-high three straight, lost for the first time under new manager Craig Counsell, who won his debut Monday night after replacing fired Ron Roenicke.

Athletics 2, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Jesse Chavez struck out seven and allowed one unearned run in 7 1-3 innings as Oakland ended Minnesota's five-game winning streak.

Chavez (1-2) gave up four hits and threw just 87 pitches. Billy Butler had two hits and an RBI for the Athletics. Tyler Clippard got five outs for his third save.

Trevor May (2-2) gave up two runs and five hits in 5 2-3 innings.

New York Yankees' Mark Teixeira, right, celebrates his two-run homer with teammate Jacoby Ellsbury off Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Marco Estrada during the fifth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, May 5, 2015, in Toronto.

and drove in four runs, Todd Frazier belted his National League-leading ninth home run and Cincinnati defeated Pittsburgh.

Byrd hit a two-run shot in the third inning off Jeff Locke (2-2) and added two-run double in the ninth. Frazier finished 2 for 5 for the Reds, unbeaten against the Pirates this season.

Cincinnati rookie Michael Lorenzen (1-1) worked six-plus innings for his first major league victory. He gave up three hits, including Starling Marte's homer.

The Pirates have lost four straight and six of seven.

Braves 9, Phillies 0

In Atlanta, Shelby Miller threw his third career shutout, Freddie Freeman and Kelly Johnson homered to spoil Chad Billingsley's first start in more than two years, and Atlanta routed Philadelphia.

Miller (4-1) allowed three hits and one walk with eight strikeouts. He has not allowed more than two runs in any of his six starts.

Billingsley (0-1) gave up six runs, five earned, in five innings. The right-hander fought back from two major operations on his pitching arm to make his first start since April 15, 2013, for the Dodgers against San Diego.

Freeman had three hits, including a two-run homer. Johnson, who drove in four runs, hit a three-run shot.

Rangers 7, Astros 1

In Houston, Kyle Blanks had three hits, including a homer, and Carlos

Peguero added a two-run shot to back a solid start by Wandy Rodriguez as Texas beat Houston to win consecutive games for the first time this season.

The Rangers also won their first series of the year after a victory Monday night that snapped Houston's 10-game winning streak. They entered as the only team in the majors not to have won a series or two games in a row.

In his third start, Rodriguez (1-1) allowed three hits and one run in a season-high eight innings against his

Hosmer also had an RBI triple and Alex Gordon drove in a run for the Royals, who bounced back nicely after losing two straight to Detroit last weekend.

Vargas (3-1) allowed two hits, one a two-run homer by Michael Brantley, over six stingy innings.

Kelvin Herrera gave up a home run to Lonnie Chisenhall in the eighth, ending his streak of 105 1-3 innings without allowing one. Wade Davis earned his sixth save.

In Anaheim, Calif., Carlos Perez

capped his rousing major league debut with a game-ending homer in the ninth inning, and Los Angeles

Danny Salazar (3-1) allowed four runs in seven innings, striking out nine.

White Sox 5, Tigers 2

In Chicago, Jeff Samardzija pitched seven effective innings, and Chicago snapped a five-game losing streak with a victory over Detroit.

Back at home after a strange road trip, the White Sox chased Shane Greene (3-2) in the third inning of their first win in nine days. Two of their three games in Baltimore were postponed due to rioting near Camden Yards, and they were swept in a four-game series at Minnesota.

Samardzija (2-2) allowed a run in each of the first two innings, and then pitched four-hit ball for the rest of his outing. David Robertson closed for his fourth save.

Alex Avila homered for Detroit.

Giants 6, Padres 0

In San Francisco, Ryan Vogelsong pitched seven innings of three-hit ball,

Joe Panik homered and San Francisco won its fifth consecutive game by beating San Diego.

The Giants threw their third shutout in a row and second against the Padres, who came to town after scoring 26 runs in a three-game sweep of Colorado last weekend. San Diego has gone 20 innings without scoring.

Brandon Crawford had three hits and an RBI for the Giants, who won their eighth straight at home and are a game over .500 (14-13) for the first time since April 10, the beginning of an eight-game losing streak.

Vogelsong (1-2) struck out four in his longest outing of the season. George Kontos and Yusmeiro Petit completed the four-hitter.

Andrew Cashner (1-5) remained winless in eight games, four starts, in San Francisco.

Angels 5, Mariners 4

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MCS sets title duel versus Eucon

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 Mount Carmel School and Eucon International School arranged their championship showdown in the boys high school division of the 2014-2015 Coalition of Private School Sports Association Basketball League after earning contrasting wins against their respective semis opponents last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Eucon got a return trip ticket to the finals after pulling off a come-from-behind 48-39 win over Grace Christian Academy in the first semis match. Eucon won last year's championship

incidentally against the GCA Eagles, who faltered in their bid for a fifth straight crown after the Blazers notched a 58-50 triumph in the finale behind Allen Yu's 27-point explosion.

Yu towed Eucon back to the finals this season as he anchored the team's rally in the fourth quarter where GCA led by as much as 10 points before collapsing in the final half of the last period.

While Eucon rallied in the final quarter to save its season, the Knights dominated Agape Christian School right from the get-go en route to an easy 48-11 victory in the second semis pairing.

Mt. Carmel started the first six minutes of the match with a 10-0 run and kept going, as it maintained its safe distance

the rest of the game with Agape failing to match the Knights' production.

The Joe Diaz-mentored Agape finally lit up the board at the 1:56 mark of the first period off Allan Zhao's layup, but that was the only basket the Torchbearers made in the entire canto, which ended with MCS ahead, 10-2. Agape had another 2-point output in the second quarter and again it came late in that period, while the Knights added 8 more to build a double-digit advantage after the first half, 18-4.

In the second half, the best that Agape could do was scored 5 markers off Zhao's field goal and a split free throw and Caleb Wang's deuce before it was held to another 2-point production

in the fourth. In contrast, the Knights improved their offense in the second half, with four of their players combining for 10 in the third canto and six teaming up for 20 to finish off the hapless Agape.

William Camacho paced the Francis San Nicolas-coached Knights with his 7 points, while Jonah Hahn, Tony Son, Kenji Yamagata, and A.J. Evangelista combined for 22 more markers. Six other MCS players contributed at least one field goal apiece to their lopsided win.

MCS 48 – Camacho 7, Hahn 6, Son 6, Yamagata 5, Evangelista 5, Yun 4, Gamab 4, Toves 4, Muna 2, Lee 2, Jo 2, Deleon Guerrero 1.

Agape 11 – A. Zhao 5, Yet 2, Chen 2, Wang 2.

Scoring by quarters: 10-2, 18-4, 28-9, 48-11.

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Mt. Carmel School's Tony Son soars high for a layup against Agape Christian School's Grant Feng during the second quarter of their semis game in the boys high school division of the COPS-SA caging last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



PBT rush in NMISF last meet

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The last local swim meet of the season had a fitting ending as Saipan Swim Club and Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan members registered numerous personal best times in the 2014-2015 Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation Championships.

In five of the first seven events of last Saturday competition at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool, 30 PBTs were made. Tsunami Saipan's Nanaka Watanabe led the PBT-getters as she finished the girls 9 to 10's 100m breaststroke race first with her 1:39.36, which was better than her old PBT of 1:44.35. SSC's Coume Kaga came in at second with her PBT of 1:47.70 (from 1:51.11), while Watanabe's teammates Natsuki Nagata and Shaunalyn Babauta also posted PBTs—2:01.14 and 2:12.23, respectively.

Twelve other swimmers bagged PBTs in the same event, which also featured the debuts of four members of the two local clubs.

SSC's Jin Ju Thompson and Conatsu Kaga raced in the girls 11 to 12 age group and both got PBTs after recording 1:144.01 and 1:44.97, respectively.



Duplicating their fete were Kyona Rivera (1:35.59), Angel De Jesus (1:35.79), Isaiah Aleksenko (1:57.63), Wataru Kadokura (2:10.25), Aasish Dangol (2:10.80), Juhn Tenorio (1:47.56), Kenta Tomie (1:58.42), Arman Rechucher (1:59.90), Lennosuke Suzuki (1:27.43), and Rinto Takahashi (1:37.18).

Rinto's younger brother, Leo, also earned a PBT in the 100m backstroke along with four other swimmers. Leo submitted 1:46.83 in the boys 9 to 10 race to eclipse his previous PBT of 1:57.77 and beat Tsunami Saipan's Rentaro Suzuki. Rentaro logged 1:58.08, chopping off more than 20 seconds from his old PBT (2:20.55).

Coume Kaga (1:44.66) Ayaka Sato (2:07.45), and David Boyer (1:31.90) of SSC tallied the three other PBTs in the 100m backstroke.

In the 100m butterfly, all two PBTs came from Tsunami Saipan, while the club also registered the lone PBT in the 200m butterfly. Nelson Batallones marked the only PBT in the 200m butterfly after timing in at 3:10.90 (from 3:11.71), while his teammates Rei Sekiguchi and Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero had the same achievement

in the 100m butterfly after clocking in at 1:34.67 and 1:24.77, respectively.

In the 400m freestyle, Tsunami Saipan had five swimmers getting PBTs, while SSC had one. Ashley Dangol led the list for Tsunami with her 5:59.53, more than a minute faster than her seed time of 7:04.69. Her teammates, Nanaka Watanabe (6:13.52), Hans Xu (6:04.10), Batallones (5:43.74), and Mark Maestro (5:11.33) and SSC's Conatsu Kaga (5:54.83) rounded out the list. Meanwhile, results of the remaining events in last weekend's competition will be reported tomorrow.

Around 70 swimmers joined NMISF's final tournament for the 2014-2015 season.

"All the swimmers from each team entered this meet. The children were excited and in good spirits. I noticed a lot of laughter and camaraderie during this last meet on island. For the first time ever we had more than enough volunteers. We shared our duties and the morning moved along quickly with no technical problems. The meet ended with a fun 200-meter freestyle relay. This event although competitive among the swimmers was not a regulated event," NMISF official Carol-Lynn Calobong-Pierce said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

gave up three hits but shut out DSU while striking out five with no walks.

"Jones showed what kind of competitor he is. He could pitch in the weekend rotation anywhere in this league, but he accepted his role this year and got us big with midweek wins," Rundles was quoted as saying on the team's website..

"Pennington is a high-strung competitor who is going to give you everything he has every time out. He just pounded the zone and challenged them (Statesmen)," added Rundles, who was

a bit emotional with the win.

"I don't know if I have words to explain how I feel right now. I kind of teared up there at the end. I know that I am very excited and couldn't be more pleased with our group of young men. This is a very good ball club and I am very proud of them."

Tanner Rainey, who was also a member of the GSC All-Tournament Team, homered thrice and drove in five runs in a 4-for-4 appearance at the plate. His homers came in the second, fourth, and eighth innings and he also had four of UWA's 12 hits.

Aranda, Dela Rosa shine for PIC

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Pacific Islands Club Saipan kicked off its title bid in the playoff round of the Inter-Commercial Business Basketball League with an 84-62 crushing of Public School System on Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Jack Aranda and Eric Dela Rosa led PIC's balanced scoring attack to clinch its 10th straight win dating back from the elimination round. Aranda and Dela Rosa scored 19 points each with Sam Rosow adding 14 more. Gutsy playmaker Sean Rabasto and Darwin Barbo combined for 16 markers.

It was a close game in the first half as PSS, behind Preston Basa's hot shooting,

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handed Shirley's its third goal in the 45th, while De Jana Muna scored the last five minutes later.

In the other semis pairing, Kanoa surprised its favored opponent by lighting up the board first off Ian Karl Maniago's goal in the 11th minute. Kanoa kept the shaky lead at the end of the 30-minute first half, but failed to prepare against Matansa's fight-back in the second and last frame.

Bernadette Horey led Matansa's second-half recovery, scoring back-to-back goals. She got her first in the 34th minute and the second seven minutes later.

was only down by 8, 41-33, at the turn.

PIC then stepped on the gas in the third to pull away and coast to the easy win.

Basa finished with a game-high 30 points with Ezra Caro the only other PSS player to end up in double digits with 10.

In the second game, Lero Pagaraao scattered 25 points to power Fiesta Resort to an 81-70 decision against Joeten Enterprises.

Pagaraao scored 10 points in the third quarter where the second-seeded Fiesta slowly pulled away from a tight first half and foil Joeten's upset bid.

Elmer Esdrelon chipped in 15 more, while Arjay Nonato tallied 13 markers.

Dixon Kwon paced Joeten's losing cause with 18 points while Alex Lauron and Rocyl Ritual contributed 17 apiece.

Angelica Sally closed out for Matansa in the 53rd.

Meanwhile, the Shirley's-Matansa finals showdown this weekend will feature the Top 2 finishers in the girls division of the 2015 NMIFA Youth Spring League. Shirley's ruled the double-round robin contest with its 8-2-0 win-draw-loss record and 26 points, while Matansa, which won last year's spring season, ended up with a 7-3-0 mark and 24 points.

This year's FA Cup finalists and MP United and Kanoa U12 co-ed teams were joined in the annual tournament by Paire, Tan Holdings, and Kanoa and MP United's girls U15 squads.

First Game

PIC 84 – Aranda 19, Dela Rosa 19, Rosow 14, Barbo 8, Rabasto 8, Abuy 5, Hambros 5, Demapan 4, Bartolo 2.

PSS 62 – Basa 30, Caro 10, Cabrera 6, Winkfield 5, Loste 4, Tenorio 3, Diaz 2, Villagomez 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-18, 41-33, 64-48, 84-62.

Second Game

Fiesta 81 – Pagaraao 25, Esdrelon 15, Nonato 13, Arreza 6, De Dios 5, Lansang 5, Duenas 4, Matsataro 4, Pablo 4.

Joeten 70 – Kwon 18, Lauron 17, Ritual 17, Rasa 8, Sambole 5, Benghit 3, Tobias 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-14, 35-33, 59-53, 81-70.

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overall score of 2-over par entering the back nine.

Kim then played bogey-free at the back where she pared No. 10 to 14 to keep her 2-under score. She continued her amazing climb after firing consecutive birdies in No. 15 and 16.

She ended her solid performance with pars in the last two holes for that 4-under 68, the best score in the second round as she was the lone player to shoot below 70.

Kim, after the first 36 holes, had the second most birdies with six and sixth with the most pars with 22.

Kim is also tied for fifth in both par-four and par-five scoring with 4.10 and 4.88, respectively, and tied for ninth in par threes with 3.00.

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CNMI All-Star surrendered four earned runs, but held the Statesmen to two hits before being relieved by winning pitcher Brandon Pennington in the bottom of the sixth.

The lefty pitcher, who was named to the 2015 GSC All-Tournament Team along with three of his teammates, also retired two and walked three.

UWA coach Gary Rundles praised the combined efforts of Jones and Pennington, who

Juniors League Awards Ceremony

PHOTOS BY JON PEREZ



Saipan Little League-Junior division champions Falcons celebrate after receiving their championship trophy following a 3-2 win over the IT&E Fielders in last Sunday's finals match at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.



Finals most valuable player Noel Cabrera.



The IT&E Fielders show off their runner-up trophy. They also won the pennant championship.



Arby Yaguel of the Falcons received the ERA crown.



The Falcons' pitching duo of Noel Cabrera, left, and Arby Yaguel.



The Enforcers' Shakobe Rangamar, left, and the Fielders' Kimo Ainga-len, center, drove in 19 RBIs in the regular season.



The Falcons' Leo Salalila, left, pose with Saipan Little League vice president Annie Flores, center, and CNMI district administrator Mike Borja. Salalila had the most RBIs this season with 16.



The Red Sox receives the Sportsmanship award.



Neldreyton Skerei of the Fielders, left, and Shakobe Rangamar of the Enforcers end up tied with the most doubles with four.



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Jones, Tigers win conference crown

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Former CNMI Little Leaguer Josh Jones tossed 5.2 innings in a start as the University of West Alabama Tigers scored an 8-4 victory over the Delta State University Statesmen to win the Gulf South Conference Baseball Tournament on Tuesday at the Tartt Field in Livingston, Alabama.

The Tigers, who swept all of

2005.

their four games in the GSC tournament, also won the regular season crown to earn a spot on the NCAA Division II regionals set from May 14 to 17 with the venue still to be determined.

The Conference crown is the second for the Tigers after also clinching the regular season title. It was also UWA's third overall GSC baseball tournament title and first since



Division II

The Tigers, according to the GSC website, will know what would be their next step during the NCAA Division II Baseball Selection Show set on Sunday, May 10, at 9pm.

The former Saipan Little League standout and many-time

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Josh Jones pitches for the University of West Alabama Tigers in their title match against the Delta State University Statesmen in the finals of the Gulf South Conference Baseball Tournament last Tuesday at the Tartt Field in Livingston, Alabama.

Leina makes her move in NCAA II regionals



Leina Kim aims to keep her amazing comeback in the NCAA Division II Women's Golf West Region Tournament in order to clinch one of the three berths to the Nationals set from May 13 to 16 at the Meadows Golf Course.

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Saipan native Leina Kim made a huge jump in the standings after firing a tournament-low 4-under 68 in Tuesday's second round of the NCAA Division II Women's Golf West Region Tournament at the Foxtail Golf Club in Rohnert Park in California.



Kim's 68, according to the CSU-Pueblo website, and her opening day score of 5-over 77 gave her a 1-over 145 that put her in contention for one of the

three spots for the Division II Nationals.

The Top 3 finishers in the regional tournament would earn a berth to the Nationals set from May 13 to 16 at the Meadows Golf Course to be hosted by Grand Valley

State in Allendale, Michigan.

She jumped 22 places after sitting at 25th in Day 1, but is now tied for third place with Tarleton State's Isabell Jimenez Perea, who carded a 1-under 71 that was added to her 2-over 72 for that 145.

Kim and Perea are one shot

behind co-leaders Sarah Rotter of Sonoma State and Academy of Art's Crystal Wang, who both had a two-day haul of 144.

Wang, after an opening round 3-under 69, fired a 3-over 75 that allowed Rotter, who fired a 2-over 73, to catch her atop the leaderboard.

Kim birdied her first three holes that lowered her score to 2-over par then bogeyed No. 4. She followed that up with pars from holes No. 5 to 9 to go at 2-under at the front. She had an

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Shirley's vs Matansa in FA Cup finale

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The 2015 FA Boys and Girls Challenge Cup finale will be an all-girls affair following the victory of Shirley's and Matansa football club's U15 squads yesterday in the semifinal round matches at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Matansa FC U15G secured the first finals ticket in the annual competition after beating Kanoa FC U12 co-ed at Hopwood's Pitch 2, 3-1. A few minutes later over at Pitch 1, Shirley's U15G bagged a 4-1 victory over MP United U12 co-ed to complete the finals cast. Matansa and Shirley's will battle for the championship this Saturday at 3pm at the Hopwood pitch after the consolation match between MP United and Kanoa U12 co-ed teams at 1:30pm.

Shirley's and Matansa won yesterday's pair of matches despite allowing their respective

foes to score first.

In the Shirley's-MP United tussle, the latter's Rintaro Miyawaki drew first blood early, finding the back of the net in the 10th minute of the one-hour match.

However, MP United's hold on the driver's seat was short-lived as two minutes later a miscue from its female player Maaya Sato gave Shirley's an own goal and



tied the match. Shirley's went on to grab the upper hand after the first half, thanks to Katrina Costales' shot in the 18th minute.

It was all Shirley's from thereon, as it dominated possession in the second half and added two more goals. Diana Maniacop

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Matansa Football Club U15G's Pinyarat Shankweiler steps in on defense to prevent a Kanoa FC U12 player from dribbling the ball during their semis game in the 2015 FA Boys and Girls Challenge Cup yesterday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

